

“The proverb old — you know it well,
That women dying maids, lead apes in hell,”

(a belief referred to in *Taming of the Shrew*, Act II. Scene 1), she made this clever rhyming answer:—

“Lead apes in hell — tis no such thing;
The story’s told to fool us.
But better there to hold a string,
Than here let monkeys lead us.”

She married Daniel Waldo May 3, 1757. The “very pretty Misses” were their daughters; Elizabeth, born November 24, 1765, died unmarried in Worcester, August 28, 1845; and Martha (who in this diary is called Patty), born September 14, 1761, died November 25, 1828. She married Levi Lincoln, Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, and became the mother of Levi Lincoln, Governor of Massachusetts, Enoch Lincoln, Governor of Maine, and Col. John Lincoln.

NOTE 74.

The fashion of the roll was of much importance in those days. A roll frequently weighed fourteen ounces. We can well believe such a heavy mass made poor Anna’s head “ach and itch like anything.” That same year the *Boston Gazette* had a laughable account of an accident to a young woman on Boston streets. She was knocked down by a runaway, and her headdress received the most serious damage. The outer covering of hair was thrust aside, and cotton, tow, and false hair were disgorged to the delight
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