Match Breaking.

A TALE OF A COUNTRY TOWN.

BY MRS. ARDY. however, in walking down the High the occasion of the review, had organiz transporting a lady, however delightful it Street with Sir Peregrine, they encoun- ed an impromptu pic-nie party for the may be to be transported by her. tered Miss Ogleby, who, when she was in Lendon, about a year ago, had men hemently proposed Miss Ogleby and in Saville's name," said Miss Malford; Saville at the Riley's; she eagerly seized his hand and congratulated him on his she had every reason to suspect that they | Saville's fears took a contrary direcacquisition of fortune, an event which, had spoiled a match for her youngest sis- tion; it was evident that this deformed she said, had been communicated to her ter, by giving the irresolute admirer long spinster, whose mind seemed to him as a short time ago in a letter from her dear and exaggerated details of one of her for- distorted as her person, had written an young friend, Mary Jane Riley. Saville mer flirtations. The day (probably ow- offer of marriage to herself in his name. could have spared her presence and her ing to the very short notice that had been Westminster Hall, counsellors, lawyers, congratulations, but he saw that he had no given of the pic-nic party) was splendid- stammering witnesses, and tittering specresource but to be extremely civil to her, ly fine. Rose and Saville were in inti- tators, all awam before his eyes, and he and thereby engage her in his interests; mate association the whole of it; they valorously resolved that, like Mr. Pickaccordingly he asked her if she had men- walked home arm-in-arm, and before the wick of immortal memory, he would rationed the circumstance to any one in Al- close of the evening the faithless heroine ther go to jail than pay a farthing of lingham, and when she replied in the ne- of Bloomsbury was forgiven by Saville, awarded damages. Presently, however, gative, earnestly requested her to keep it and forgotten by Rose. Mrs. Stapleton, he had reason to exonerate Miss Malsecret during his stay. This Miss Ogle- however, now began to look very awful ford from any personal designs on him; by instantaneously promised, and with and disapproving, and took leave of Sa- for when she read aloud the letter, which the fullest intention of performing her ville with marked coldness. He com- was indeed a proposal of marriage, it appromise; she never liked to talk about plained of this to Sir Peregrine, and the peared that he apostrophized the lady adany one's good fortune so much as their good-natured baronet, who by this time dressed as "young and beautiful;" terms bad, and the good fortune of Saville was quite cured of his passing passion for which the utmost excess of human vanity would have been particularly disagreeable. Rose, earnestly recommended his young could never have enabled Miss Malford to her, because she felt convinced that, friend to make public at once the state of to apply to herself. At the conclusion, as soon as Mis. Stapleton became ac- his pecuniary circumstances, and boldly he (or rather his double) candidly conquainted with it, she would invite him to stand forward a candidate for the good fessed that his annual income only aher house, throw Rose in his way, and graces of both mother and daughter; but mounted to four hundred pounds, "risvery likely completely console him for the loss of Miss Anna Maria Riley. Miss Ogleby remembered that Shakespeare, turn upon him, and he did not rest till he ful and devoted John Saville." that wonderful master of the human heart, had exacted a fresh promise from Sir Pethat wonderful master of the human heart, had exacted a fresh promise from Sir Pe- "So far, so good," thought Saville; had made Romeo's ardent passion for Ju- regrine to preserve his secret inviolate. "this letter cannot be intended to form liet immediately succeed to disappointment in Rosalind; and she apprehended that the artless, blooming, and unsophistween Mr. Saville and Miss Stapleton, made frankly to plead guilty to my large ticated beauty of Allingham might, by a and the spinsters trembled with fear and independent fortune; but what purpose similar process, banish from Saville's envy at the tidings. Miss Ogleby imme- can it be intended for?" memory, the artificial, over-dressed, se- diately called on Mrs. Stapleton, and so "You have imitated mi-fine lady of Bloomsbury. Miss Ogle- forcibly dwelt on the demerits of Saville's writing very successfully," said. Miss by only departed from her bond of con- small income, so carnestly recapitulated Ogleby.

havig been crossed in love, and making for his departure. delicately playful allusions to green wil- All now went on most prosperously

len's cruelty."

enlivened by a visit from the country yea. Miss Ogleby not even after his departure "Now," continued the animated Miss move nents to those of the military, but cards which Mrs. Riley had lately in- will compel Rose to write a refusal, and from their utter dissimilitude.

rouche and curricle drove up to the door, its mistress. and Mrs. Stapleton found that she was

the opinion of his fair companion.

ers. The married couple, who occupi- him: it is very distressing to a man of The very day after Saville's arrival, ed a part of Sir Peregrine's barouche, on gallantry to comtemplate the necessity of

cealment so far as to reveal the circum- Mrs. Riley's horror lest " poor dear Anna stances of the case to Miss Malford, who Maria should be induced to think of him," eagerly united with her in the expedien- and so courteously dilated on the immea- truly enough says, " that the disposition took fright. Saville, anxious, as he ed her eye on him with that determined, they stand solemnly pledged before the cy of never breathing them to any person surably superior pretensions to make a is indicated by the hand-writing;" now afterwards expressed himself, " to know tearless stare, which is the constant country. in Allingham, especially the Stapletons. good match possessed by "sweet lovely Saville is of an exceedingly weak, bendThe next day, Miss Ogleby called on Rose" beyond the aforesaid "poor dear ing, timid nature, nothing masculine or the gig, and received the information he daunted disposition and bold manners, retrenchment and reform have lost their Mrs. Stapleton, and mentioned, with Anna Maria," that Mrs. Stapleton work- decided about him, and his neat formal was desirous, in the shape of numberless and said: seeming carelessness, that Sir Percerine ed herself up to a pitch of thorough dis- hand-writing is one that any female could had a very shy, stupid young man stay- dain and hard heartedness. Saville call- easily imitate." ing with him, whom she had met in Lon- ed on her about an hour after the depardon, and she forthwith did the honors of ture of the match breaker, and just as he double-barrelled attack on his character " take-things-easy" class of men, sat perhis small situation in the India House, entered the drawing-room, caught a and hand-writing, and fervently wished feetly quiet, and when in the course of a sir of great playfulness; "pray may I You, Mr. Speaker, must be well aware adding that "it was very silly of him to dress of the banished Rose. Mrs. Sta- them alone. c least encouragement, and was as at her watch seven times during the ten Ogleby, (for when these ladies were

his company three times the next week, next day, never to return to it while Rose one." there appeared no chance of a close inti- remained Miss Stapleton. Sir Peregrine Saville's heart beat quickly at the "one could otherwise have done, and his pride know what messenger you sent with macy between him and Rose. Miss in vain attempted to combat the romantic loved name," and he felt greatly relieved would suffer no wound from her disclain. your letter."

have feared, but he was timid, silent, and er in good time. Saville had resolved merely objects to him as a son-in-law Stapleton man and wife. Saville was over his eyes." insurance, and Rose felt no great interest (knowing the predilection of his mistress meanness of spirit, would be delighted to Rose and her mother would hold touching disclosure of it was doubtless owing to State Department in particular? in the victim of the crueity of a Guilford for handsome young men) begged Saville see the girl who had rejected him well the contents. The next morning Sie Miss Ogleby's gossiping loquacity. Settle the declarations and avowals of the presented Anna Maria, who had refused him to walk in and wait her geturn, which he married, will blab the truth to the Stapleman! Rose and Saville, however, were minutes. Saville declined, and walked to the match." Every year the town of Allingham was reflected that he should like to caution day," said Miss Ogleby. favored the inhabitants of Allingham with logetic billet to London after him, which he will write to them to deny having sent she strictly enjoined he " little foot-page to be. a sham fight. (a very sham one indeed.) might put his fortitude to the test. He the letter, but as they believed it to come tom for the beauty and fashion of Alling- marvellously small person, engaged on had actually sent it." ham to attend, to witness their harmless marvellously small wages, did most " But, are you quite sure that the offer nam to attend, to wincess their narmiess marveltously small wages, did most things in a very clumsy manner, and instances and powerless defences. The restance was at this time about to take place, view was at this time about to take place, and Sir Peregrine had promised to conhad left it ajar. Consequently he entervey Mrs. Stapleton and her daughter to ed unseen by any body, into Miss Ogle- have her own way to a shameful degree

intervening shadows of the match-break- and he trembled at the prospect before

" You have imitated Saville's hand-

" Yes," replied Miss Malford; " but I

Poor Saville! he quailed under this

happy as the day was long with Mr. minutes to which he limited his stay. mutually concerned in any plot of mis- disposed to wait patiently, and let things Hobson, who had the spirit of a prince. Poor Saville was deeply wounded and chief, they were as affectionate as doves take their course, rather than to accellerate direct answer," replied Miss Ogleby. and would look ten years younger than disconcerted. As Sir Peregrine had com- to each other.) " but I confess I hardly their progress by any strong procedure "Well, then," said Saville, "I did tematic reform, if you should be placed prepossessed in Saville's favor by this ac- but at breekfast he made known to him Stapleton-it seems to me a scheme more to impede the flight of the love-letter in forced to seem contented.

flicted on him, and feared that Mrs. Sta- Saville will be so irritated that he will

into a permission to accept the offer." He had been asleep about half an hour, "I have my counter-plot ready for to have the pleasing office of driving room, and soon ascertained that her com- and it must be our business to persuade B ville's spirits were exhilarated by the fineness of the morning, the novelty the fineness of the morning, the novelty the fineness of the morning. The novelty the fineness of the morning the novelty the fineness of the morning the novelty that the same may and ought to be diminished by law."

Inducting the secret the fineness of the spirits were exhibitanced in a data the same may and fine speeches flew about like sugar contrition, that you secretly disclosed to be sufficient for the necessaries of life, plums at a Venitian Carnival, among all for this purpose that committee then the fineness of the morning. of the scene, and the society of the love- tatingly expressed her great satisfaction large property, in order to calm her she would not withhold her consent. the female population of Allingham, with reported six bills; one of them proposed ly girl beside him; he became very agree- at having found herself able exactly to apprehensions that Rose was flirting with She concluded by expressing the wish of the exception of themselves. Such was to regulate the publication of the laws

spirators in the front parlor.

answered Miss Ogleby; " I dare say it is trapped into an engagement; and as the a string of Mr. Scrapeall's violincello, letter, to do justice to Miss Malford's which he has sent to my house, to be in powers of eloquence, was a very tolera-readiness for my little musical luncheon ble one, he determined to sit down quietparty to morrow."

Mulford, with renewed placidity. "is to and Rose would be very guarded and disenvelope the letter, and seal it. I shall tant in their manners to Miss Ogleby and send it to-night to the Stapletons, by a Miss Malford, observing that he had good

" Adeliza, or the Amiable Artifice," on tlement, and spread about the news in trenchment or reform. the shelf, seized the opportunity to dart every part of Allingham through the out into the street, and ruminated on the whole of the next day.

Mr. B. said he wished gentlemen now in power to admit that they had amused, severe contusions and bruises, which confined him to the house for several weeks. your engagement to Rose Stapleton." while his friend, who was one of the assisted from his seat without having had ter or word of mouth?" under circumstances of difficulty, had been by feiter." know his fate more decidedly than he said she. "I have a strange fancy to pledge has been redeemed?" high-priestess, or milliner's show-girl. | ing the matter he should be happy to the name of the person; but your friend, duct may be brought under review. "Why, my love," answered Miss avail himself of his hospitality for a day Miss Malford, has done him some favors. Was it really true, sir, that the expenville's letter, or perhaps that Saville him- reconciled them, and before the expira- mised reforms, are duly recorded. self would come to disclose to her the tion of a week, they were again the sin | The first, in point of time, is a report

ed, as the author of Adeliza would have he will be so enraged and angry at the soon as possible. Saville, almost beside by actual matches were produced by it. this imposing title-" a bill to secure in

see her."

"Dear me, what is that?" said Miss other person; he feared that the delicacy bride-cake, orange-blossoms, and bell-next room."

"Nothing to alarm you, my dear," idea that he had been in a manner enly under all the honors of it. He, how-"All that now remains," said Miss ever, ventured to beg that Mrs. Stapleton

" Did I!" returned Saville, drily.

"Yes," she proceeded, affecting an men to power.

they had unwittingly promoted; they had In this document Mr. Benton reports: able, and raised himself considerably in imitate his hand-writing. Saville remain- a detrimental; and the result will be, that herself and Rose to see Mr. Saville as the effect of this playful warfare, that ma- and of public advertisements; another had

Two days afterwards Saville had an | said, "rooted to the ground;" the idea of | idea of having been duped and imposed | himself with joy, made a hasty toilette, | Allingham had never been considered a other opportunity of being in company with Rose, without being haunted by the he had a large sum lying at his banker's, delay, in the full enjoyment of single not to wait directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to beg Sir Peregrine marrying piace, out much directed the servant to be servant to be servant to be servant to Saville could not repress a deep hollow I will not dilate on the conversation uffairs of love, a spirit of contradiction; grann at this avowed determination of Miss that ensued: suffice it to say, that Saville from the time of Rose Stapleton's mar-Malford to cast a wanton slander on the half, but not wholly, enlightened the ig- riage, the young people "paired off" like fame of the unsuspecting and good natu- norance of his fair friends; he confessed so many members at a division, and Alred woman, for whom she professed the fact, that he possessed a large, inde- lingham, at this time, presents the strange friendship; the sound startled the con- pendent fortune; but he did not own that anomaly of a country town flourishing his love-letter was the composition of an- in a constant excitement of blonde-weils,

> Debate in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Speech of Mr. Bond, (or omo,)

the Government from the Press.

Mr. Bond said he rejoiced that the atman on whom I can depend. I have reason to know that those ladies were by tention of the House and of the country done him some favors, and he knows no means so sincere and friendly as they was again invited to the subject of rehimself to be in my power. I shall direct appeared to be; and they readily promis- trenchment and reform. He was aware him to flap his hat over his eyes, and ed him that the spinsters should hear of that these terms had become somewhat merely ring at the door, and leave it." the engagement through some other chan-hackneyed, and he almost feared that "I can give you rose-colored wax." nel. Saville returned to Sir Peregrine their frequent repetition here had rendersaid Miss Ogleby, " and a seal that will at night, full of spirits and happiness, and ed them trite and nameaning. They had be just the thing for a love-letter-the informed him that he was engaged to Rose been used, as was well known, with motto is, " Each moment makes you Stapleton, but not of the means by which great effect, to put down one Administradearer." Come up to my dressing-room. the engagement had been brought about. tion and elevate another. That end beand you will there find my writing-case." Sir Peregrine was unaffectedly delighted, ing attained, they seemed to have perfront parlor, and ascended the stairs, and till the wedding-day, offered to give the party now in power are concerned. All Saville, having first carefully replaced bride away, and to be trustee to the set- must admit that we have no practical re-

in power to admit that they had amused. which had just come to his knowledge. The match-breakers heard of it with if not deceived, the people of this country with a mere "fancy sketch." If they Several times in the course of the colloquy, quarrel with her dear friend Miss Mal-Saville had felt inclined to burst out on ford, telling her that she had foreseen called upon them to specify any retrenchthe spinsters in all the majesty of an every thing that had happened, and that ment or reform which they had accom-insulted and injured man, but he thought Miss Malford's officious letter had been plished. But, sir, if they fail in this, as better on the subject, and remained quiet. the cause of the explanation taking place. I think they must, then I demand their Some years ago. Saville had been driv- The ensuing morning, Miss Ogleby was reasons for not carrying out their great found it by no means difficult. Lavater ing in a gig with a friend, and the horse walking alone, and met Saville. She fix- and salutary system of reform, for which

ing, timid nature, nothing masculine or the gig, and received the information he daunted disposition and bold manners, retrenchment and reform have lost their just and virtuous sense. The people of "Well, you took us by surprise by this country will determine whether the necessity for such measures had passed away with the simple elevation of vertain

and his rejection by Anna Maria Riley, glimpse of the retreating white muslin that Miss Malford would leave both of few minutes the horse was stopped, was ask whether you made your offer by letmised. You professed, sir, I mean the be breaking his heart about the matter, pleton received him with a frown, an- "I have the greatest respect for your a fold of his cravat rumpled, or a curl of "Proposals of marriage," answered party with which you act, professed to be for that dear Anna Maria had never given swered him in monosyllables, and looked judgment, my dear friend," said Miss his hair disarranged. Ever since, Saville, " are, I believe, generally made moved by the purest and most sacred regard for the welfare of the people. We "That is an equivocation, and not a find recorded here, and in the Senate, a solemn pledge to carry into effect a syshe was, it it were not that he was so pany that day, he had no opportunity of see the policy of addressing an offer of on his own part. Besides, to tell the not make my offer by word of mouth." in power. This was done, sir, in March amazingly stout." The ladies were not speaking to him till the ensuing morning; marriage in Saville's name to Rose truth, Saville was not particularly desirons With this answer Miss Ogleby was 1829, and you have held undisturbed possession ever since. During that time, count of him; and although they were in his intention of quitting Allingham the likely to make a match than to break question; if Rose refused him, he should "One more question and I have done." now going on ten years, what part of your

I desire to conduct the discussion fairly, and with entire accuracy as to facts. Ogleby was constantly at her side, rally- high-flown notions of his young friend; that his malicious neighbors had not since he should then immediately disclaim Saville, for the first time in his life, I wish so to state them, too, that all may ing Saville whenever he approached in and after a time suffered him to pursue thought proper to make him offer his the letter. Saville returned to the Hall, met Miss Ogleby's stare with an equally form a just opinion in relation to the sinno very measured terms on his ill fate in his own course, and to make preparations hand and heart to some pastry-cook's and told Sir Peregrine that on reconsider- fixed gaze, and rejoined: "I cannot tell cerity and good faith of those whose con-

low, pining swains, and "Barbary Al- for the match breakers; they had done Malford, " you have repeatedly agreed or two longer. The baronet clapped him and he knows himself to be in her pow- ditures of the government were unnecesenough; all that remained for them was with me that Rose Stapleton is evidently on the shoulder, told him he was glad he er; on the occasion alluded to, he could sarily large? Had the President too Saville, however, was as completely fa- to keep quiet. Whether they did keep attached to Saville, and that her mother had thought better of it, and predicted that not easily be recognised by anybody, for much power, and was there a necessity scinated with Rose as the spinsters could quiet or not shall be disclosed to the read- personally likes him extremely, and he should yet see him and the pretty Rose he was directed to flap his hat carefully for restraining it? Was the patronage of the government so enormous as to require easily kept at a distance. Mrs. Staple- not to pay any farewell visits in Alling on account of the smallness of his fortune; nervous and dispirited all the evening, and Miss Ogleby, for the first time in her checks to be placed on it? Was this patton treated him with all the freezing con- ham; but on second thoughts he deter- this is an objection that you and I know lost hit after hit at back-gammon to Sir life, looked on the ground, and appeared ronage used for political ends, especially strained civility which she considered the mined to call on Miss Ogleby, whose fi- could be obviated in a moment; and every Peregrine, wondering all the time, in the discomposed and embarrassed. She im- the patronage of the press? Was it true proper portion of a young man possess- delity in keeping his secret demanded day I am on thorns, fearing either that inmost recesses of his mind, what would mediately went to Miss Mulford, and tax- that the freedom of the press and the seing so very small a life income that it some little return or attention from him. Saville will take leave of his remantic be the precise time at which Miss Malford's ed her with having betrayed the secret. curity of our liberty demanded that the would be impossible even to squeeze a He knocked at her door. Her footboy scruples, and proclaim his riches, or that messenger with the flapped hat would Miss Malford replied that she had never printing patronage should be withdrawn settlement out of it in the shape of life- replied that she was not at home, but Sir Peregrine, who, with his usual stupid deliver the letter, and what conversation mentioned it to a creature, and that the from the several Departments, and the

in favor of a fat elderly common-council- assured him would take place in a few tons by way of smoothing all objections remained in solitude, nervously starting the other to be guilty, although in the sent dominant party when they sought every time a servant entered the room, particular instance in question, each hap- for elevation. But lest gentlemen may destined to become better acquainted.

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Levery year the town of Allingham was reflected that he should like to caution day," said Miss Ogleby. -Miss Ogleby was almost as anxious; ed to see each other again. Their quar- beg leave to read from certain documents manry, and they were certainly very to reveal his secret, for he had a vivid re- Malford, "as matters stand at present, she expected that Mrs. Supleton or Rose rels, however, were something like those of this House and of the Senate, in which amusing, not from the similarity of their collection of the whole pack of invitation- there is not a doubt that Mrs. Stapleton would call on her to inform her of Sa- of lovers; habit and congeniality soon these griefs and complaints, with the pro-

At the conclusion of their visit, they pleton might despatch some tenderly-apo- immediately set out for London; of course trick that had been played on him, and imitable inseparables"that they were wont made to the Senate in 1826, by a select committee (of which Mr. Benton was to summon her immediately from her Saville purchased a beautiful place in chairman.) "to which was referred a which took place in a large field about a returned to the door, but did not again from him, the refusal will be just as cutmile from the town, and it was the cus- knock at it. The footboy, who was a ting to his feelings and his vanity as if he above mentioned three persons called to ham, and the old maids were continually cy of reducing the patronage of the Exetormented by the sight of the happiness cutive Government of the United States."

from Mrs. Stapleton. He opened it in the families in a new place, and they might the Executive patronage of the Federal vey Mrs. Stapleton and her daughter to the scene of action. Accordingly his batter of acceptance! Mrs. by's parlor, there to await the return of suppose Rose should coax her mother of suppose Rose should coax her mother eyes? it was a letter of acceptance! Mrs. had failed to do. Their expectations, done consistently with the provisions of suppose Rose should coax her mother eyes? it was a letter of acceptance! Mrs. Stapleton candidly owned that she could however, were disappointed; all their the constitution, and without impairing have wished her daughter to contract a power to injure was completely gone; the proper efficiency of the government. with Sir Peregrine and a married couple when he was awakened by the shrill, that," answered Miss Malford. "Saville more advantageous alliance; but that in when they depreciated any young girl, Acting under this conviction, they have in the neighborhood, while Saville was loud voice of Miss Ogleby in the next will know that he did not write the letter, the long and interesting conversation however justly, their auditors delicately reviewed as carefully as time and other which followed the receipt of Mr. Sa- hinted to them that "the tongue of the engagements would permit them to do. Rose in the curricle. It was too late to panion was Miss Malford; he was on the him that Mrs. Stapleton did; you, in ville's letter on the preceding night, she evil speaker is no slander;" young men the degree and amount of patronage now make any objection to this plan, and the point of opening the folding doors and any parties proceeded on their destination.

The was too late to pation was miss aration, by as of the most essential felt thoroughly convinced that the happiness of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments rived at the conclusion that the same may others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on a union with others before their faces, and compliments of Rose depended on their destination.