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BEFORE AND The Mariettian.
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Jon may be remarked in conclusion
pon this important subject, that altho he foregoing incidents in married life
may not be personal-any further than individuals may see their owin personal
histories reflected in them-yat, no obSistories reffected in them-yat, no ob-
server of haman society, and the charac-
ter of its constituent elements, or the quality of its ruling principles, can, upon
mature reflection, come to any other mature reflection, come to any other
conclusion than that they are nevertbe-
less real. No matter how studied the less real. No matter how stadied the
eforts are, to conceal the different un-
happy and discordao marriage relations eenorts are, to conceal the different un-
happy yand discordant marriage relations
now existing in the world, yet many of now existing in the world, yet many o
them are cognizant to "two weitnesses," them are cognizant to "two weitnesses,
and $\begin{aligned} & \text { where these unite in a disapproval } \\ & \text { or condemation of the marriage bans, }\end{aligned}$ or condemnation of the marriage bans,
the approbation and ozaltation of socie-
ty, can exercise but a trassient infuence upon the real happiness of the parties to them. These two witnesses
are, the living consciousuess of the are,
married partorss themselves, and the
krowledge of Hin who lives and reigns knowledge of Him who ives and reigns
where alone true marriages are made.-
. It may appropriately be asked, in re-
lation to this subject, "can we possibly conceal Anything from the knowledge of
ourselves and our God?"
It does not follow,

It does not follow, homever, that consummation of the marriage bonds-
that the connection should be sacreli giously violated, or ruthesssly broken
un, because up, because an improper union may
have been formed; for, acting mainly have been formed; for, acting mainly
under the impulses and cictates of an under
untegenerate beirt, and with the per
verted views, and fulse intents and purposes which grow oat of s such an inter
nal conditiou, the same eneor is ife nal conditiou, the same erior is likely
to be committed again and again; and at any future time. Even where persons
have ftatered themselves that they have flattered themselves that they
would havedone better in another thoice,
get they mas have lived loug enough to yet they may have lived loug enough to
discover that that choice, in all its prac
tical and realizing effects, would have tical and realizing effects, would hav
been infinitely more disastrous than first. Nor is it to be inferred that th
foregoing, five, are the only phases married life; or that they reflect
tythe of the discorduces tythe of the discordancies, to say rothing
of the miseries and criminalities, that attend so many of the marriage connections of an unregenerate world.-
There may be nearer five hundred, or perhaps five thousand different phases of this relation of the seses, than simpls
five of them. The five ennmerated are among the most obvious of those which
transpire or obtain, in what transpire or obtain, in what may be
termed the midd eranks of society.
No picture las been No picture bas been drann from those
dregs of societt, where the marrie dregs of society, where the marrizge renot one-half of their disinterestedeness
and instinctive purity. No pen could and instinctive purity. No pen could
depict these, except one that had been sechooled amidst the elements that form
ed the subject matter of its rebearsals, pulsive to human sensibilities, and too far below the ordinary human experi
evce, to afford the instruction that is most particularly needed. Nor are any
of these five phases drawn from the ac
knowled knowlegged "uppertendom" of societ
where all is supposed to be happit where all is supposed to be happiness
and sunshine, in consequence of the re
finements and the luguries which are its usual concomitants. A recital of these
might also be too far remuved from the might also be too far remuved from the
experiences of the common mind, fo them to appreciate or understand them
and hence these also would lack that moral and social instruction which is calculated to benefit the middla masses
of society. Here too it would require of society. Here too it would require
a pen conversant with the abnses of high
married life, and the perversion of its married life,
refinements.
The "uppe
The "uppertendom" alloded to, is no tbat transient changıng social click, that
rises suddenly to an ephemeral distiocrises suddenly to an ephemeral distion
tion through a lucky advent in specula tion or peculation, whereby au individu al is elevated from the condition of
beggar to that of a nabob within a ver beggar to tuat of a nabob within a very
brief space of time ; retaining internall all the elements of mental conditio prevailigg ia the spher. Thise atill be-
so recently abandoned.
lons to the middle classes, if their
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The "appertendom" to which we allude
is the real aristocracy of the land


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