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MARCH 18, 1843, Page 17 The different results of SARAH STICKNEY's career of authorship in her girlfriend and married state are not incurable. As Miss STICE■ NET, her subjects, though serious and moral, were purely literary; and her success, despite her refined elegance of style and the sheer amiability of her feelings, was perhaps not as substantially as the critical recognition of her merits. As Mrs Elias, we doubt that she is critically showing the outstanding features of her maidens; but she has opted for more seri-ous (subjects, and she handled them in the style of an elegant didactic discourse; and her Women of England has run through seven-Semi editions. The of England completes a trilogy of which the Wo- men and the Daughters formed the previous parts. The com- mences with Thoughts before Marriage : the burden of which is the importance of a self-examination after involvement, to see if there are reasonable grounds on the part of the lady for breaking up the contest, either by her own feelings, temperament, or domestic incompetence, or the character of the gentleman, behavior, health, &c. But while we agree with Mrs Eters that it is better for a woman to face the misconceptions that such a course of conduct would surely bring, than to sacrifice the lifelong happiness of herself and a husband, we want neither her opinion nor ours to be used in such cases; for pride and shame make more martyrs than faith; and perhaps caution at forming agreements, the sounder conclusion of the building is, then a critical analysis after they are formed, which (preserving the presence of the ladies) few such agreements could carry. Apart from a chapter on the characteristics of men, written in order to warn the young woman of the weaknesses and peculiarities that she should expect to meet in the lords of creation, the rest of the work consists of a series of essays on the tasks of the woman and difficulties in married life. These are always written with elegance, and sometimes with close and searching truth; but sometimes the case, although redeemed from everyday by the refinement of (may we say?) SARAH STICKNEY, would be almost common in other hands. Given that the class of readers among whom this volume will circulate widely, the case will probably be new to them, as it is certainly presented with a grace to which they have not been accustomed. All this elegance, anyway, is used to set off sense and justice; and the brides of England who will be will find clearer truths than any lord, much less than any freer, while the scales of justice are held equally between the sexes. FOR EXAMPLE- TUE MARTYRS TO POLITENESS. It is considered too much only as a thing natural for men to oblige and considerate; and it is too little to remember at what cost to them we pur- hunt their help and their indulgence. It is also not only in lonely cases or for particular favorites that these efforts should be made. It's the sacrifice of a lifetime for a man to be polite. There is no fireside so hot, but he needs to walk it home one winter night with some female vaiiter, who probably has no charm for him. There is no situation so eligible, but he must resign if necessary. There is no problem that he should not encounter, no fatigue that he must not endure, and no gratification he should not give up; and for whom? AU might do this for a in the world-per-hop for more; but to be willing to do it every day and every hour, even for the most repugnant or the most selfish and those of their sex, there is martyrdom of the self in all this, which puts to shame the partial kindness and disinterest of the woman. • RATIONAL RATIONAL OF THE SUPERIORITY OF MAN. Outside of this, however, one can say to be a necessary part of the nature of man, and conducive to his support in the position he must maintain, that he should, to a greater extent than woman, sufficiently to himself. The nature of his professions, and the character of his peculiar duties, require this. The con-tended interests of the community in general, the struggle of public affairs, and competition from business, with the utmost importance of establishing themselves as the master of a family and the head of a household, all require a degree of concentrated effort in favor of the self, and a powerful dislike of others , that woman, fortunately for her, is rarely if ever called to maintain. The same degree of difference in the education of men and women leads, on the one hand, to a more expansive range of intellect and thinking, and on the other hand to the exercise of the same abilities on what is special and minute. So men are used to generalizing. They loak with far-stretching views to the general lower of each question submitted to their consideration. Even when planning for the well-being of their fellow creatures, it is widespread, and usually on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number. By following this system, injustice is often done unconsciously to individuals, and even a kind of cruelty exercised, which it would have to own object of the woman to study to avert ; but at the same time, to its i purpose n such as neither thwart, nor interfere with the greater and more important good. THE UNIVERSAL RIVAL OF THE WOMAN. THE UNIVERSAL RIVAL OF THE WOMAN. It must be kept in mind at some point, that the tradition of the man, even in his happiest exercise, is not like that of the woman; for while she employs herself by each hour in fondly weaving one beloved image into all her thoughts, he gives to her relatively few of his; and of these perhaps not the lofiest, nor the best. • s It is a wise start, then, for any married woman to decide to be forgotten by most of each day; to decide to challenge many rivals, including in the attention of her husband, but not in his love : and among these, I would mention one whose assertions is folly, because no remonstrants or representations on her part will ever be able to less attractive the charms of this competitor. I mean the paper; of whom absorbing interest some women are weak enough to show a kind of childish jealousy, when they should rather start to congratulate themselves that their formidable rival is one of paper. The usefulness of this volume can undoubtedly be entertained. With forerunners, it must form a household booklet in every family; and perhaps the more directly useful instruction mrs. Emus focused on transferring, is a reason of her success over Miss STICILNEY. Excellent Excellent loving, and homely women, this work will shape the Daughters of England; but perhaps his tendency is rather to induce the Sons to wait for his effects on another gene ration. There seems to be so much to demand from a good woman, and so much needs to be done to form one that can lead Mrs. Ems cautious bachelors to leave well alone, or to carry the ma they have, until her hortas have removed the blanks from the loctery of marriage : leading to this further practical con-clusion -that the more this work is bought and read, the sooner the doubts we are likely to talk about will be removed. 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