

THE TOURIST'S MATRIMONIAL GUIDE
THROUGH SCOTLAND.

A NEW SONG.

AIR—*Woo'd and married an' a'.*

Y^E tourists, who Scotland would enter,
The summer or autumn to pass,
I'll tell you how far you may venture
To flirt with your lad or your lass;
How close you may come upon marriage,
Still keeping the wind of the law,
And not, by some foolish miscarriage,
Get woo'd and married an' a'.

*Woo'd and married an' a';
Married and woo'd an' a':
And not, by some foolish miscarriage,
Get woo'd and married an' a'.*

This maxim itself might content ye,
 That marriage is made—by consent ;
 Provided it's done *de præsenti*,
 And marriage is really what's meant.
 Suppose that young Jocky and Jenny
 Say, " We two are husband and wife ;"
 The witnesses needn't be many—
 They're instantly buckled for life.

*Woo'd and married an' a' ;
 Married and woo'd an' a' :
 It isn't with us a hard thing
 To get woo'd and married an' a' .*

Suppose the man only has spoken,
 The woman just giving a nod ;
 They're spliced by that very same token
 Till one of them's under the sod.
 Though words would be bolder and blunter,
 The want of them isn't a flaw
 For *nutu signisque loquuntur*
 Is good Consistorial Law.

*Woo'd and married an' a' ;
 Married and woo'd an' a' :
 A wink is as good as a word
 To get woo'd and married an' a' .*

If people are drunk or delirious,
The marriage of course will be bad ;
Or if they're not sober and serious,
But acting a play or charade.
It's bad if it's only a cover
For cloaking a scandal or sin,
And talking a landlady over
To let the folks lodge in her inn.

*Woo'd and married an' a' ;
Married and woo'd an' a' :
It isn't the mere use of words
Makes you woo'd and married an' a'.*

You'd better keep clear of love-letters,
Or write them with caution and care ;
For, faith, they may fasten your fetters,
If wearing a conjugal air.
Unless you're a knowing old stager,
'Tis here you'll most likely be lost ;
As a certain much-talked-about Major
Had very near found to his cost.

*Woo'd and married an' a' ;
Married and woo'd an' a' :
They are perilous things, pen and ink,
To get woo'd and married an' a'.*

I ought now to tell the unwary,
 That into the noose they'll be led,
 By giving a promise to marry,
 And acting as if they were wed.
 But if, when the promise you're plighting,
 To keep it you think you'd be loath,—
 Just see that it isn't in writing,
 And then it must come to your oath.

*Woo'd and married an' a';
 Married and woo'd an' a':
 I've shown you a dodge to avoid
 Being woo'd and married an' a'.*

A third way of tying the tether,
 Which sometimes may happen to suit,
 Is living a good while together,
 And getting a married repute.
 But you who are here as a stranger,
 And don't mean to stay with us long,
 Are little exposed to that danger;
 So here I may finish my song.

*Woo'd and married an' a';
 Married and woo'd an' a':
 You're taught now to seek or to shun
 Being woo'd and married an' a'.*