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Lord Harris

“Kent” by Spy

The siege and capture of Seringapatam brought a Peerage to a Colonel of Foot in his own name of Harris. From him is descended the present and fourth Lord Harris. He was born thirty years ago. He succeeded to his title at twenty-one, and at twenty-three he married a daughter of Lord Vincent.

Lord Harris has hitherto been known from his own county of Kent to the Antipodes as a great cricketer, but he has better stuff in him than cricketers are usually made of. He is serious and earnest; he takes a great interest in public affairs, and there is good reason to expect that in due course of time, he will occupy a creditable position in the House of Lords, and do service to his country.

JEHU JUNIOR

VANITIES.

A gallant officer, when proceeding on a fortnight's leave, told the mess-waiter, verbally, unfortunately, to forward his letters to the Great Western Hotel, Oban, and went on his way rejoicing. As he was engaged shortly to be married to a lovely girl with a large fortune he naturally expected to receive every other day a long letter, crossed and recrossed from the fair object of his affections; but alas ! none came. On his return to head-quarters he anxiously inquired whether any letters had been forwarded to his address as requested. The mess-waiter naturally swore, by all that he considered holy, that he had forwarded several letters to the address given. Further inquiry however elicited the fact that the wretched delinquent had forwarded the letters to the *Great Western Hotel, Holborn*, he being a cockney and his education in geography having been neglected in early youth. I regret to have to add that the damsel, indignant at having received no answer from her apparent faithless lover, has broken off the marriage, which shows conclusively on what trifles our worldly happiness depends.



Vincent Brooks, Day & Son, Lith.

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