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HORIZONTAL BOUGH OF A CRDAL.<sup>65</sup> [See page 54.]

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*THAT IS TO SAY*

THE FIRST COUNTESS OF WESSKY, BARBARA OF THE  
HOUSE OF GREYS, THE MARCHIONESS OF STONE-  
HENGE, LADY MOTTISFONT, THE LADY  
JONWAY, SQUIRE PETRICK'S LADY,  
ANNA, LADY BAXBY, THE LADY  
PENLOPE, THE DUCHESS OF  
HAMPTONSHIRE, AND  
THE HONORABLE  
LAURA

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FIUENCE."—*L'ALLEGRO* . . . . .

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