

## AN INTERESTING CASE.

### The Countess Sarolta Vay's Marriage to a Pretty Young Maiden.

Prof. Krafft Ebing, the famous specialist in mental diseases, in a book just published devotes a long chapter to an interesting case which came before an Austrian court of justice about a year ago, and, without attempting to explain its cause, says that it would be well for doctors to take note of it. In November, 1889, the father-in-law of Count Sandor Vay accused the latter of having obtained from him 800 florins under false pretenses. The trial showed not only that this was quite true but that Count Vay had forged documents and had concluded a sham marriage with the prosecutor's daughter, being in reality not a man at all, but the Countess Sarolta Vay, who had for years passed herself off for a man by wearing men's clothes. The Countess Sarolta's father, a spendthrift, who ran through 1,500,000 florins, brought up his two children as his crazy mind dictated. The girl went as a boy and the boy as a girl. When the boy reached fifteen he became a cadet and the comedy ended for him. Not so with Sarolta, who was known as Sandor. Before she was eighteen she drank, smoked, fenced cleverly, spent the evenings at cafes, and had several love affairs. Everybody in Buda-Pesth took her for a man. Three years ago she made the acquaintance of the daughter of a government clerk who had just passed her examination as a school-mistress. After two years of courting they eloped and were married in Hungary, a false priest officiating and an intimate friend acting as witness. The pair lived together for six months, until the father-in-law, alarmed by the sad state of the "Count's" finances, sued him for fraud. It has not been possible to ascertain whether the wife was really attached to her "husband" or whether the fear of being the object of ridicule kept her quiet. Sarolta Vay was acquitted. She returned to Buda-Pesth and to her male attire and her habits of smoking and drinking. She writes for the newspapers, and is not without talent. Her only grief she declares is that she has been robbed of what she calls her lawful wife.—London Daily News.