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THE REMARKABLE CHOICE OF A WIFE The extraordinary negotiations for a wife, in which the captain of a canal boat, plying between Chester and Ellesmere Port, engaged with the authorities at the Nantwich Workhouse about three weeks ago, had a gratifying sequel on Monday. The man, whose name is Samuel Walker, a native of Wolverhampton, had called at the workhouse and asked the authorities to recommend one of the female inmates for a wife, explaining that he had been six months a widower, and was desirous of remarrying. His application was conceded, and the banns having been published on three Sundays, the couple were married at Acton Church on Monday morning. The bridegroom attended in his boatman's attire, but the bride, who is 45, 15 years younger than the bridegroom, was rather smartly dressed in a print dress and a bonnet in which there were arranged a number of roses of a rather brilliant hue. The bride was given away by the clerk of the church (Mr Provost), while the relieving officer (Mr Pooley) officiated as best man. Several other workhouse officials also graced the ceremony with their presence. The vicar at the close of the ceremony delivered a long address on the subject of the marriage vows. As the captain and his wife left the church they were the recipients of a number of gifts, and they left the village amid a shower of rice and old slippers.