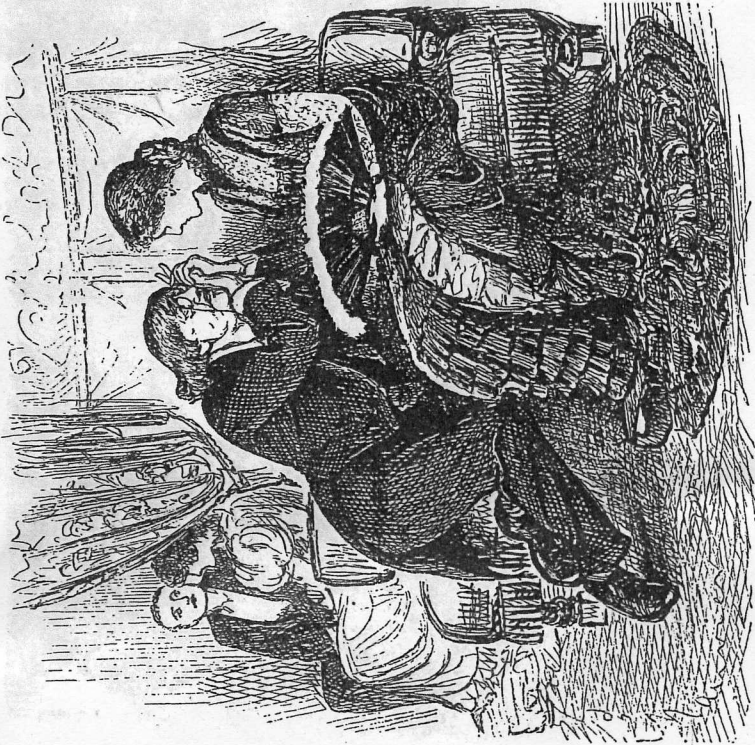




Wilde in costume as Salome (Collection Guilloit de Saix, H. Roger Viollet, Paris)



MAUDLE ON THE CHOICE OF A PROFESSION.

Maudle. "HOW CONSUMMATELY LOVELY YOUR SON IS, MRS. BROWN!"
 Mrs. Brown (a Philistine from the country). "WHAT? HE'S A NICE, MANLY BOY, IF YOU MEAN THAT, MR. MAUDLE. HE HAS JUST LEFT SCHOOL, YOU KNOW, AND WISHES TO BE AN ARTIST."

Maudle. "WHY SHOULD HE BE AN ARTIST?"

Mrs. Brown. "WELL, HE MUST BE SOMETHING!"

Maudle. "WHY SHOULD HE BE ANYTHING? WHY NOT LET HIM REMAIN FOR EVER CONTENT TO EXIST BEAUTIFULLY?"

[Mrs. Brown determines that at all events her Son shall not study Art under Maudle.]