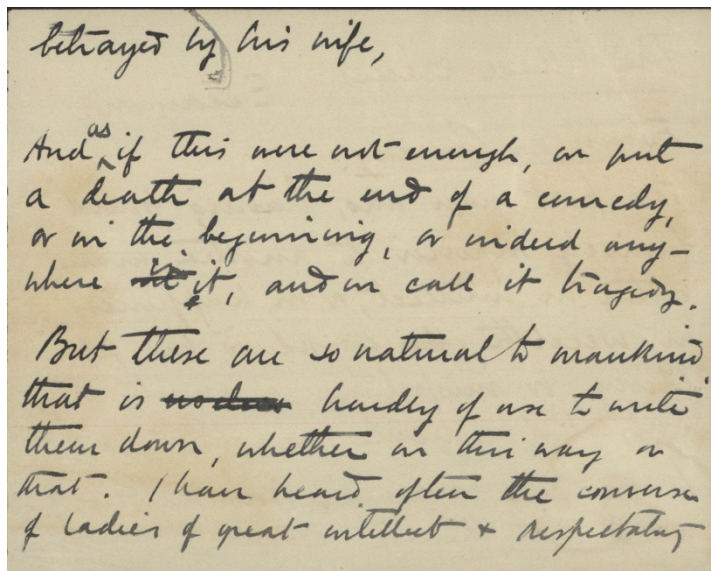*The Village Circus.*

                                   Essay on:

Essay on Comedy:

    The first man who, having found himself
superior to another man, either in
intellect, or in happiness, or in wealth, ~~he~~
considered his fellow's idiocy, or
misfortune, or poverty the subject of
ridicule, was the real founder of comedy.
Nowadays we go to the theatre to see a
husband

betrayed by his wife, {…}

    And as if this were not enough, we put a
death at the end of a comedy, or in the
beginning, or indeed anywhere ~~at~~ in it, and
we call it tragedy. But these are so natural
to mankind, that is ~~us does~~ hardly of use to
write them down, whether in this way or
that. I have heard often the converse of
ladies of great intellect and respectability
{…}

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