

STUDIES IN TROUSERS.

Men and Women as They Appeared to a Masquerading Woman.

London—Honors are easy. Mrs. Elena Smith of New York, who went about for five years as Senor Martinez, gives it as her firm conviction, based on experience, that men aren't any great shakes, and now an English woman comes forward with the confession that she too successfully masqueraded as a man, but she has reached a diametrically opposite conclusion as far as the plain sex is concerned.

For business reasons she personated her brother and visited New York, and "nothing," she says, "could have been kinder than the way in which the men I met received the young Englishman I was supposed to be." Mrs. Smith says that as Senor Martinez she "found New York business men not to be compared with women in energy, ability, nerve, loyalty and sincerity. It was their simple friendliness, their loyalty and sincerity that made a never forgotten impression upon me.

"But," she goes on, "I did think the women, especially the married women, vain and conceited and frivolous, and in some cases worse than that. Here in England I saw less of people than over there, but here also I formed a similar impression that the average man is a decent sort of well disposed fellow, much less designing and envious and self-seeking than many women are, or perhaps I should say, have to be.

"What Mrs. Elena Smith seems to me not to realize, and it is the chief thing I learned, is that men do not reveal the worst side of themselves to one another, nor do women either. I dare say I am not very far wrong in saying that neither men nor women ever reveal their true selves to one of their own sex. Women will give revelations of their real character to a man that another woman would never get a glimpse of.

"I did not learn so much about men while I was supposed to be a man as I did about my own sex."