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From "Passages, Incidents, and Anecdotes in the Life of Junius Brutus Booth (The Elder) by his daughter, *Asia Booth Clarke*,

MARRIAGE

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This engagement closed on the 13th of January, 1821. On the 18th of this month, he, Junius Brutus, married Mary Anne Holmes, at the residence of the Hon. Mrs. Chambers. This lady, who had always manifested a great interest in my father's career, presented his wife on her wedding-day with those well-known jewels, which decorated his Richard's crown.

They made a brief visit to France, stopping at Calais and Bologne, and on their return to England, my father decided to visit the West Indies professionally. They sailed from Deal, at which place he purchased a piebald pony named Peacock, to which he had become much attached, and, who in after years, became closely identified with him. The vessel was obliged to stop at the Island of Madeira, and attracted by the loveliness of the scenery, he was induced to alter his determination, and pass a portion of his time in surveying its beauties. They remained for several weeks at Madeira; and, as horses were exceedingly rare on the island (oxen and mules being used on the mountains to carry freight, etc), Peacock created great excitement. Sums of money were offered for him, but my father declined parting with his new favorite; and in April, he took passage for himself, wife, and pony on the schooner Two Brothers for America.

Junius Brutus Booth, the first son, was born in Charleston, on the 22d of December, 1821. *Page 74*