Collapse Of Stout Party: Victorian Wit And Humour

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The main issue involved in the attacks was the place of and the mentality about women in the Victorian society. The main reason for the beginning of the emancipation of women was 'TRADE': an expanding economy needed the purchasing power of women. There was also a change in the mentalities: housewives could enjoy sex. It opens splendidly, and for much of its length you’re carried along with aplomb by the verve of the prose, the wit of the insights, and the mass of the material. Pearsall with great energy delves into what even in the late Sixties was often a difficult subject to access in English archives, often uncatalogued, or jealously guarded by its keepers in what the British Library called "The Private Cases," one of the largest erotica collections anywhere.