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COMEDY BY EDMOND ABOUT—A COUNTRY VISIT, OR POLITICS AND FATE.

[Dedicated to Gottsalch.]

The following little "comedy," treating of the recent visit of the Count of Grogenti, a brother of the ex-King of Naples, and his wife, the eldest daughter of Queen Isabella of Spain, to the Emperor and Empress of France, has attracted great attention. Its author, Edmond About, is well known as one of the ablest French writers living:

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SCENE I.—(*Count and Countess, as they enter the Park.*)

Count: My dear love, these poor people will do their best to receive us; we must not humiliate them too much; for a few hours let us try to forget the superiority of our noble origin.

Countess: But, my dear, it is exasperating to be received by usurp——, by upst——, I mean by strangers come from no one knows where!

Count: Of course, I grant you, that this château, as indeed, the country and the people who inhabit it, belong by Divine right to our family. Providence has forgotten itself; but perhaps He may repair——

Countess (smilingly): That is certain. Sister Patrocinio has promised that to mamma.

Count: Of course, but meanwhile, my angel, we are not at home, and we have to do with thin-skinned people, who have the power of either helping or injuring us.

Countess: And we are coming to beg from them.

Count: Fie! We are coming to find out what they think. It is for that reason you had better not *intriguer* the mistress of the house.

Countess: I have a perfect right to do so. She was born on our estates, and she is my mother's subject.

Count: Certainly; but then we are "in the country."

Countess: Alas!

SCENE II.—AFFECTIONATE EMBRACES AND PRESENTATIONS.

The Master of the House: Count, delighted to receive the son of a prince who cordially hated me.

Count: Sire, it is a pleasure to me to remember that you returned the compliment.

The Master: And now is poor Fr. II.!

Count: Always in the plight to which your Majesty's friends reduced him.

Master: I trust my generals treat him with all the respect due to him.

Count: Their aid would be more useful than all General Dumont's bows.

Master: One cannot do everything at a time. Allow me to present my well-beloved cousin, Prince Murat.

Count: Prince, charmed to see the son of the man who dethroned my grandfather.

Prince: Your royal highness will remember that his august ancestor avenged himself right royally. Accept my sincere homage.

Master of the House: You know that this fat *entêté* still hopes to reign at Naples.

Count: So do I. Clever people are sure to agree.

The Mistress of the House, to the Countess: The Grand Veneur, Prince de la Moskowa, son of the illustrious Marshal Ney.

Countess: It is you, Prince, who in 1849 received that famous letter.

Prince of Moskowa: Yes, madam, I had that honor.

Countess: Would you believe it? Three Roman dukes maintained to me that the letter never existed. Your father came to Spain, did he not?

The Prince: Yes, madam. He took the liberty of conquering Gallicia and the Asturias, from your august grandfather.

Countess: I have a faint recollection of something of the sort. Fie, fie, monsieur, how wrong it is to make war upon legitimate princes.

Prince: May it please your royal highness, the Bourbons paid us out.

Countess: What a child I am! I forgot the end of the story. But you are not offended, Monsieur le Grand Veneur!

Prince: *Comment donc*, madam! We are in the country.

SCENE V.—A WALK IN THE APARTMENTS OF THE CHATEAU.

The Master of the House (to the Count): This humble dwelling dates from Louis XIII.

Count: My ancestor.

Master: These rooms belonged to Louis XIV.

Count: Grandfather of Philip V., founder of my illustrious dynasty.

Countess: As well as of ours.

The Master (smiling): Allow me to remark that this colossal edifice is the work of the master spirit of this century, my beloved uncle, Napoleon I.

Countess (*giddily*): It's not bad; but it's not the best thing he did.

[General silence.]

The Count (*to the Countess*): My dear, you must allude to the Treaty of 1808.

Countess: A piece of treachery which—

Count: Hush!

Countess: No, I will not say anything. But was there not another act of which this was the scene? Is there not a certain table, pen, and ink-bottle carefully preserved?

The Master: Yes, madam. It was here the august head of my family nobly abdicated in favor of my poor cousin, Napoleon II., whom the atrocious House of Austria—

Count and Countess: Our dearest relatives.

Master: I think it would be more prudent if we left our families in peace.

Countess: Was my poor cousin left in peace in his solitude at Ettersheim, where he only dreamt of love?

The Master (in order to change the conversation): I must apologize for the bad taste of this saloon. It was fitted up by a poor *bourgeois* Louis Ph——.

The Count: My grandaunle, by his wife, the venerable Queen Marie Amelie, aunt of my august father.

The Master (in a patronizing tone): Every one does justice to the virtues of Queen Marie Amelie. The only thing one can reproach her for is having been the mother of an ambitious son, who perpetually conspires against the will of the people.

The Countess: Do you mean the Duke d'Aumale?

The Count: My cousin on his mother and father's side, for he is son-in-law to my much regretted aunt, the Princess of Salerno.

A Courtier: The Duke D'Aumale is not in question. It was the Duke de Montpensier who was alluded to.

Countess: Oh! I give him up to you.

SCENE VI.—AT DINNER.

A Servant: Poulet à la Marengo.

The Count (*to a neighbor*): The Marengo is a national dance, is it not?

The Lady: Yes, which our army taught the Austrians to dance in 1809.

The Count (who fought in the Austrian ranks at Sadowa): I thank you. (He lays down his knife and fork.)

A Servant (in a loud tone): Bombe à la vanille.

The Count (startled): Bomba, my father?

The Servant, repeating the words slowly: Bombe à la vanille.

The Count (tranquillized): I shall take some.

SCENE VII.—THE DEPARTURE.

(*The Master of the House and the Count walking up and down a Corridor.*)

The Count: If Southern Italy declared in favor of her former master—

The Master: Does this *eventualité* appear to you probable?

The Count: At least it is possible. In which case how would France act?

The Master: France would reflect.

The Count: She is ready—so they say.

The Master: I am happy to believe it.

The Count: She could then take the Two Sicilies back from the revolutionists.

The Master: Nothing is impossible as regards France.

The Count: Would she support our cause?

The Master: That would depend on circumstances.

The Count: And that unfortunate Spain! She is in a difficult position.

The Master: So I am informed.

The Count: She has enemies abroad.

The Master: Do you believe that?

The Count: That she has internal enemies I am certain.

The Master: That appears to me most probable.

The Count: Will you allow subversive principles to triumph at your very door? The Pyrenees no longer exist.

The Master: They are not altogether done away with.

The Count: But if France forsakes us, what are we to do?

The Master: Be guided by future events, and leave as little as possible to chance.

The Count: Shall we obtain no succor from the man whom Providence has made arbitrator of the fate of Europe?

The Master: I only speak of what I know, and I do what I can. We are in the country. You understand.

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Special attention is also given to Drawing and Painting, and the Musical Department, under the care of Profs. S. B. MILLS and F. L. RITTER, offers peculiar advantages to those who wish to make Music a special study.

A limited number of young ladies will be received in the family and welcomed to share in all the comforts and privileges of a pleasant home. Application can be made at the above address.

MRS. SYLVANUS REED'S FRENCH and ENGLISH BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL, at No. 101 East Thirty-eighth-st., corner of Park-ave., will be REOPENED WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23. Applications for pupils may be addressed as above. Circulars sent on request.

MADEMOISELLE TARDIVEL'S French and English Select SCHOOL, for young Ladies and Children, No. 724 West Twenty-third-st., will re-open on THURSDAY, September 15.

MISS WHITING'S Family and Day SCHOOL for Young Ladies, Washington-ave., Golden Hill, Bridgeport, Conn., reopens September 15, 1868.

MISS WALSH'S FRENCH AND ENGLISH SCHOOL for young ladies, No. 32 East Twenty-eighth-st., will reopen MONDAY, Sept. 21. Four young ladies received as members of the family circle, in which French and Italian are spoken.

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE for YOUNG LADIES, One hundred and twenty-fourth-st., third house east from Fifth-ave., N. Y., reopens Sept. 21. Six young ladies boarders will be received. EVENING CLASSES for youths and adults of both sexes, from 7 to 9 p. m. Languages, mathematics, bookkeeping, elocution, &c., taught. For circulars apply as above. Terms moderate.

MRS. FITZ-HENRI'S SCHOOL for young ladies and children, No. 49 Irving place, will REOPEN on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23.

MISS RICHEY'S BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES, Bay Ridge, L. I. Will reopen on FRIDAY, Sept. 18.

MME. VALENCIA'S FRENCH and ENGLISH BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for YOUNG LADIES, One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st., second brown-stone house east of Third-ave., will REOPEN WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16. The course is thorough and comprehensive, embracing all the branches essential to a polite, liberal, and finished English education. A practical knowledge of the French language acquired. Extras under the direction of Southern masters. Circulars can be obtained of Lockwood, No. 411 Broadway, and Charles L. Jones, No. 843 Broadway, or by letter addressed as above.

MISS ARMSTRONG'S FRENCH AND ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES, No. 25 East Twenty-first-st., reopened MONDAY, Sept. 21. All letters or applications will be attended to at the above address.

MISS THEODORA ERNST'S FRENCH and ENGLISH FAMILY SCHOOL will reopen on MONDAY, September 14, at No. 49 West Thirty-third-st., south-west corner of Broadway.

MISS BEAN'S French and English Boarding and Day School for young ladies, No. 119 West Forty-second-st., reopens Tuesday, Sept. 22.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ACADEMY, at Highland Falls, N. Y., 12 miles south of WEST POINT. A personal home, with thorough instruction, for a limited number of Boys. Reopens Sept. 14. G. H. CARSWELL, Principal.

MISS AIKEN'S SEMINARY, Stamford, Ct., will open Oct. 1st. For circulars apply to APPLETON & Co., New-York or R. WILLIAMS, Stamford.

MR. VAN NORMAN'S ENGLISH AND FRENCH FAMILY AND DAY SCHOOL for young Ladies, No. 5 West Thirty-eighth-st., New-York, will REOPEN on THURSDAY, Sept. 24. For full information, see Circular. Address as above.

MR. DUANE S. EVERSON, for four years Classical Tutor in Columbia College, will reopen Sept. 16 at No. 1,152 Broadway, near Twenty-eighth-st., the SELECT ENGLISH, CLASSICAL and MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL for Boys, lately under the charge of Mr. R. P. Jenks. Number limited. For circulars apply at the School, or at Randolph's, Sheldon's, Lockwood's, or Hastie's bookstores.

MISS WARREN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL for BOYS opens MONDAY, Sept. 21, in Tremor's Lotte Hall, No. 743 Sixth-ave., bet. Forty-first & Forty-second-sts. French and English taught.

MISS SARAH SEDGWICK'S SCHOOL for BOYS will open Sept. 15, at No. 923 Broadway, corner of Twenty-first-st.

MISS HAVENS will REOPEN her French and English BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for Young Ladies at No. 250 Madison-ave. (Murray Hill), SEPTEMBER 17. Applications addressed as above, will receive her prompt attention.

MILITARY BOARDING SCHOOL, White Plains, New-York. Principal, O. R. WILLIS, Ph. D.

MISS E. A. HAMMEKEN'S Boarding School for Young Ladies REOPENS Sept. 8. Address the Principal, Fairview, South Orange, N. J.

MRS. GRUGAN (successor to Mrs. J. W. Bligh) begs to announce that her School for Young Ladies (conducted on the same system which was so successful under her predecessor) will open at No. 59 West Seventeenth-st., on MONDAY, Sept. 21. Applications for circulars or admission of pupils can be made at the above address, either personally or by letter.

MISS S. M. ROGERS'S SCHOOL, south-east corner of 37th-st. and Lexington-ave., will reopen Sept. 21.

MRS. PARKS'S AND MRS. BENEDICT'S BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for YOUNG LADIES, No. 135 Madison-ave., corner Thirty-second-st., will reopen Sept. 24. Applications may be made personally or by letter.

MRS. MACAULAY'S ENGLISH and FRENCH BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL, Nos. 251 and 253 Madison-ave., will reopen MONDAY, Sept. 21. Letters addressed as above will receive immediate attention. Mrs. M. will be in town from Sept. 8.

MRS. WILLIAMS'S English and French BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for young ladies, No. 25 West Thirty-ninth-st., WILL OPEN on THURSDAY, Sept. 24. Letters addressed as above.

MISS ELIONE HOWLAND begs to inform her friends that circumstances will compel her to defer the reopening of her SCHOOL for CHILDREN to OCTOBER 1. Apply at No. 22 East Thirty-fifth-st.

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MISS YOUNG'S SCHOOL will REOPEN on MONDAY, Sept. 21, at No. 1,214 Broadway. Call for circular.

MISS HAINES AND MADEMOISELLE DE JANON respectfully inform their friends and the public that they will REOPEN their BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL at Nos. 9 and 10 Gramercy Park, East Twenty-third-st., Sept. 24.

Applications for the admission of pupils to be made either personally or by letter to No. 10 Gramercy Park.

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PROF. WM. J. NEVIUS will limit his class for PRIVATE INSTRUCTION this year to fifteen Boys. Session to commence about the 1st of October. Address him at No. 52 Fifth-ave.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY ACADEMY, at Chester, Delaware County, Penn.—Session opens THURSDAY, September 3. The buildings are new and complete in all their appointments. Thorough instruction is given