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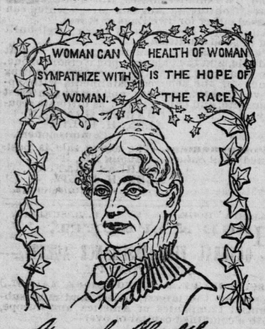

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POETRY.

THE STRANGER.

An aged man came late to Abraham's tent;
The sky was dark, and the plain was bare.
He asked for bread; his strength was well-nigh spent;
His haggard look implored the tender est care
The food was brought. He sat with thankful eyes,
But spake no grace, nor bowed he toward the East.
Safe-sheltered here from dark and angry skies,
The bounteous table seemed a royal feast.
But ere his hand had touched the tempting fare,
The Patriarch rose, and leaning on his rod,
"Stranger," he said, "dost thou not bow in prayer?
Dost thou not fear, dost thou not worship, God?"
He answered, "Nay." The Patriarch sadly said:
"Thou hast my pity. Go! eat not my bread."
Another came that wild and fearful night.
The fierce winds raged, and darker grew the sky;
But all the tent was filled with wondrous light,
And Abraham knew the Lord his God was nigh.
"Where is that aged man?" the Presence said,
"That asked for shelter from the driving blast?
Who made thee master of thy Master's bread?
What right hadst thou the wanderer forth to cast?"
"Forgive me, Lord," the Patriarch answer made,
With downcast look, with bowed and trembling knee.
"Ah me! the stranger might with me have staid,
But, O my God, he would not worship Thee."
"I've borne him long," God said, "and still I wait:
Couldst thou not lodge him one night in thy gate?"

—WALTER BRACE.

MR. SINGLETON'S MODEL

London Society.

"What is it guides my hand, what thoughts possess me,
That I have drawn her face?
. . . . . O sweet dreams
That through the vacant chambers of my heart
Walk in the silence, as familiar phantoms
Frequent an ancient house, what will ye with me?"

—*Michael Angelo. A Tragedy. Longfellow.*

When Cissy Denzil came of age (she was an orphan), she determined that she would indulge her own caprices to the fullest extent. She sent for her aunt, an inoffensive old lady of sixty, to chaperone her, and rented a house in Bryanston Square, not for the sake of the commanding situation, because it was a dull neighborhood, respectable, fashionable, and calculated to exercise a soporific effect on her lively imagination. The agent declared the house to be thoroughly well-drained and upholstered, and, as it happened to please her, in less than a week she was as much at home there as if she had lived in town all her life.

Cissy Denzil undoubtedly possessed a dangerous originality. Without intending it, she was a constant thorn in her aunt's side. No sooner had Miss Webster recovered from one moral shower-bath than she received another. Now, Miss Webster did not like shower-baths; they gave her cold and interrupted her in the pursuit of the whole duty of woman, which was, in her case, to eat, drink, and dress well, to go to church regularly, and to awaken Cissy to a sense of her many shortcomings.

But Cissy merriiy refused to be roused. She was not at all overwhelmed by her iniquities. "I do like to see things for myself," she would say. "What is the use of living if I am to be always wrapped up in cotton wool, taken out for an airing, and then brought back again like those impossible dolls which children buy in the Lowther Arcade? How can I live my life if I do not know what existence is really like? Owing to my ignorance of the world, I shall make some dreadful mistake, and then it will be all your fault, aunty. Will it not, Mr. Singleton?"

Mr. Singleton was an artist who readily commanded a large price for his pictures. He was an old man, and had known Cissy Denzil from her childhood. To him she was wont to appeal when Miss Webster became plaintiff. Cissy amused him; he abetted her vagaries, provided that he saw they were harmless.

"I did not know that you had such a taste for realism," he replied. "Evidently Miss Webster will have a bad time of it, unless we can cure you."

"Poor aunty!" said the girl, crossing the room and kneeling carelessly at the old lady's feet. "I am sure that I shall some day give you a fit."

"If you want to get a little insight into what human nature really is," said Singleton, jokingly, "come to my study any morning and study the models. Put on a plain dress and bonnet, and get there early. Ten o'clock will be early enough. You can easily reach Holland Park Road from here. If you will come, I'll have some of the litter cleared away, and you can watch me paint, sit, or do what you like. I often see twenty or thirty models in a day. Patient Griselda, Cardinal Wolsey, Fair Rosamond, Lucrezia Borgia and other well-known characters come to me by the dozen. I don't want them, they try the next studio. Artists are clustered as thickly together up there as lawyers are in Bedford Row. That bareheaded, disguised—very much disguised, sometimes—a man with a history—French nobleman who sold papers in the Strand was a frequent sitter of mine; he's dead now, poor fellow."

"I am to 'sit' on the usual terms?" asked Cissy. "What are the usual terms, Mr. Singleton?"

"A shilling an hour, and luncheon found," said Singleton. "In your case, Cissy, the luncheon shall be unexceptionable."

"Agreed," gaily cried Cissy. "Do not groan, aunty." (Miss Webster always made sepulchral noises when she did not approve of anything.) "There is nothing wrong in going to a studio, especially if it be swept and garnished."

Singleton went away, and speedily forgot all about the matter. Cissy remembered.

The next morning Cissy started for Holland Park Road, intent upon viewing a new phace of existence. She took Rollo with her—an enormous tawny mastiff, whose head was serenely unconscious of the mischief wrought by his tail among Cissy's dainty bric-a-brac. Rollo was of opinion that all bric-a-brac should be made of tin, cast-iron or other solid metals, and testified his joy at being freed from the dangerous vicinity of eggshell china with many a bark and gambol.

Without misadventure this modern Una and her lion reached Singleton's studio, Cissy's fair face glowing with health and beauty, and Rollo much excited by many a fruitless chase after cats, which would slip between railings when he had nearly reached them.

Cissy and Rollo entered the studio. There was no one there.

Singleton's studio (he shared it in common with Hugh Darrell, a young fellow-artist, though Cissy knew not the fact) was a lofty room some thirty feet square. It was hung round with the usual artistic properties; bits of old oak occupied the corners, a suit of armor peeped from underneath the glowing hues of a Smyrna carpet, and at the further end of the room was a dais of empty egg-boxes, evidently intended for the models. There was one small picture on an easel, with the face slightly sketched in, representing a forlorn-looking damsel going through a wood.

"Make yourself at home, Rollo," said Cissy; "some one is sure to come presently."

Rollo did so—on the unarmored part of the Smyrna carpet.

"What the deuce is that dog—I beg your pardon," said Darrell, entering the studio suddenly.

"He is my dog," demurely said Cissy. "Is not Mr. Singleton coming to-day?"

"No: he has been called away to the country. If it is not a rude question, may I ask who you are?"

"Certainly; I am Mr. Singleton's model."

"Then allow me to point out to you, in the politest possible manner in the world, that it is not usual for the dogs—when they have dogs—of young persons who act as models to repose upon a valuable carpet like that."

"Take him off then," said Cissy, irritated at being called "a young person," and making a sign to Rollo not to move.

Darrell approached Rollo, and measured his length on the floor.

"You see, I am afraid that he will not stir," said Cissy.

Darrell dusted himself in silence. There was a perplexing look on his face No ordinary model would behave so. "I ought to order you out of the studio," he said, "only the fact is, my model has disappointed me, and I was looking for another when you came in."

"Shall I do?" asked Cissy, very much amused, and picturing to herself Miss Webster's face when she should hear of this adventure. "What are your terms?" in her most business-like manner.

"Ninepence an hour."

"I think that is rather mean. Mr. Singleton always pays a shilling an hour and luncheon. He told me so."

"Oh! Singleton is rich and famous; I am not."

"I will agree to it if you will give Rollo some lunch."

"Done," he said, laughing at her coolness. He had hitherto regarded her with anything but professional eyes. If he could only transform that lovely face to canvas he felt certain of success. She was admirably adapted for Œnone, if she would but look sorrowful enough.

"And now, having arranged the preliminaries, what am I to do?" she asked.

"Will you kindly mount the dais?" said Darrell.

"What! Those egg-boxes!"

"Yes."

"Are they not rather uncomfortable?"

"Œnone ought to look uncomfortable. You will be of no use unless you do."

"I never heard that Œnone sat upon egg-boxes. Wasn't she the wife of Paris?"

"Yes; he abondoned her. She comes weeping through the wood. Now imagine that she has been deserted by him; that he has returned to her, wounded by the poisoned arrow of Procloctetes; and that she has refused to heal the wound. Realize the situation."

"I am afraid that I cannot realize all that at once," said Cissy, settling herself as comfortably as she could; "I never did think Paris worth crying about."

Darrell got rid of the former face, and sketched in the new one. He was a young artist of great genius, and really anxious of proving so to the world. It was an exceptional face which he endeavored to copy.

At the end of two hours Rollo leisurely got off the Smyrna carpet and yawned.

"He wants his lunch," said Cissy.

"Oh, very good," said Darrell, helplessly. "That's the compact, is it not?"

"Yes."

"What does he generally have?"

"Biscuits," sententiously.

"But I havn't any."

"Then you must buy some."

"Cool, for a model," thought Darrell, but he hastened to get his hat.

As he was going out she stopped him.

"My eighteen pence," she said, holding out a small, white hand.

"Are you afraid that I shall not pay you?" he angrily asked.

"You might not come back," she answered.

He gave her eighteen pence and went round the corner to the baker's for biscuits. When he returned, she had disappeared, dog and all. No token of her presence remained, but one expensive little glove on the egg-boxes, and a lovely, mournful face peeping out from the canvas.

He took up the little glove curiously, and put it into his pocket.

"Aunty, dear," said Cissy, gravely, that evening. "My imagination is quieted at last. I have had an adventure which might have proved a very serious one, only the man was a gentleman. My visit to the artist world has earned me—eighteen pence."

Darrell took the sketch home and painted with feverish ardor. For some reason, unaccountable to himself even, he never mentioned the matter to Singleton. Œnone worked at from morning until night. He was sent it to the Academy, where it was accepted, and hung in a very good place. The young artist received a dozen offers for it in as many days. He declined to part with the picture; it was not for sale, he said, but he would gladly execute commissions.

It chanced one day that he took Singleton to see the Œnone, explaining as he did so the reason for his reticence. "Something tells me," he said, earnestly, "that I shall meet that girl again. She was as sweet and true as my own sisters. It may seem folly and madness to you, Singleton, but her face haunts me. I shall never forget her."

"I cannot think of any model of that sort, but I know this face," said Singleton, as they halted before the picture. "I knew it when the girl was a little creature of four, and am not likely to forget her now. Where did you see her, Darrell? You have caught the likeness marvelously."

"Œnone seeking Paris," read out a clear, sweet voice behind them. "I wonder how I shall look, aunty?" That escapade seems to have had a more lasting result than you imagined."

Singleton turned round. "How do you do, Cissy? Permit me, Miss Webster, to present my friend, Hugh Darrell."

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Time, a year later. Scene, the lake district. *Dramatis personæ*, young artist and wife, in whom it is easy to recognize Cissy and Hugh Darrell.

"Oh, Hugh," she says, suddenly, taking a locket from her chain, "there is some money of yours."

"Money?" He opens the locket. There are the identical shilling and battered, disreputable-looking sixpence which he had given her.

"Yes," she laughs; "the money you paid Mr. Singleton's model."

Instead of feeling tired and worn out, instead of aches and pain, wouldn't you rather feel fresh and strong? If you continue to feel miserable and good-for-nothing you have only yourself to blame, for Brown's Iron Bitters will surely cure you. Iron and cinchona are its principal ingredients. It is a certain cure for dyspepsia, indigestion, malaria, weakness, kidney, lung and heart affections. Try it if you desire to be healthy, robust, and strong, and experience its remarkable curative qualities.

To expedite the making of a lemon pie use hot water in place of cold, stir-up lemon, the sugar, and corn starch or flour, and eggs together, as if you were making pudding sauce; then pour in hot water. If the pail or basin containing this is then placed in a vessel of boiling water it will cook in five minutes.

COLORLESS AND COLD.—A young girl deeply regretted that she was so colorless and cold. Her face was too white, and her hands and feet felt as though the blood did not circulate. After one bottle of Hop Bitters had been taken she was the rosiest and healthiest girl in the town, with a vivacity and cheerfulness of mind gratifying to her friends.

If it is possible so to arrange the order of dinner getting, do not shell the peas until a few minutes before they are to be cooked. They lose much of their fine, distinctive flavor if shelled some time before cooking: and do not wash them. What water is so clean as the lining of the pod?

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For the SPECTATOR.

Gen. Robert and Col. Charles Porterfield.

Editor Spectator:—A writer in your valuable paper of May 22nd, under the head of "Incidents in the life of Gen. Robert Porterfield, never before published," has made several erroneous statements. Among the most evident of these is the statement that "his brother, Col. Charles Porterfield, made his home under the General's roof, and was buried in a cemetery close by."

Robert and Charles Porterfield were born in Frederick county, Va. Charles joined the first company raised in that county at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, of which Daniel Morgan was chosen Captain; was mortally wounded at the battle of Camden, S. C.; was taken prisoner and paroled; and died whilst on parole in October, 1780, on the banks of the Santee, in South Carolina, and was there buried.

Robert Porterfield became a Lieutenant in Capt. Johnston's company; served through the war, and at its close purchased the farm in Augusta county, called "Soldiers' Retreat," on which he died.

The story about Brandywine is not correct. At that date Robert Porterfield was Adjutant in Col. Daniel Morgan's regiment, and his brother Charles was Captain of Company No. 4 in the same regiment.

The following letter from the Washington correspondent of the Memphis (Tenn.) *Appeal*, of December last, shows the result of legal investigations, and may be of interest to some of your older readers:

WASHINGTON, December 9.—"In the summer of 1775 the city of Boston was filled with British troops, and British ships of war lay in her harbor. The occupation was complete, and further advances were only prevented by the raw, undisciplined and straggling militia lying in a circle around the enemy's position." It is in language of this sort that the skillful, able and ingenious attorneys of the claimants of the Porterfield scrip have presented their case to the Secretary of the Interior. The attorney, Mr. Reddington, continued giving the following history of the origin of the scrip: At this crisis a band of volunteers, since famous in the history of their country, was organized in the county of Frederick, in the far-off State of Virginia. In three weeks this band of gallant patriots marched on foot 600 miles, over rivers and through forests, to the relief of the Continental army investing Boston. Charles Porterfield, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Virginia, was one of this most illustrious band, and this perilous march was for him the beginning of an historical military career in the service of his country. He was a sergeant in Arnold's detachment against Quebec; in the assault was the first man to mount its walls, was there taken prisoner of war and so held from December, 1775, to September, 1776. Upon exchange he was appointed a captain of Virginia volunteers, and in the spring of 1777 marched with seventy men to New York and joined the Continental army under Washington. He brought on the battle of Brandywine, fought at Germantown and Monmouth, and remained in continuous active service until the winter of 1778-9. He was then appointed commander of a Virginia regiment and subsequently quartermaster-general of the State. While occupying this position news was received of the siege of Charleston. He applied for leave to march to her relief, and permission to do so was given him by Gov. Jefferson. His men were not bound to leave Virginia, nor obey his order to do so, but this obstacle was no bar to Porterfield's impetuous patriotism. He induced his men to voluntarily follow him by disposing of his large private fortune and devoting the proceeds to their support. He started for Charleston, but before his arrival the city was surrendered to the enemy. He then attempted to join Col. Buford, and was within a day's march of him when that officer's regiment was surprised and almost annihilated. At his own expense he maintained his men along the borders until August, 1780, when on the day of the battle of Camden he joined the forces of Gen. Gates. In that terrible battle he led the advance, two-thirds of his men were killed, he was mortally wounded, and all his effects, money and papers, fell into the hands of the enemy. In recognition of these services, and as an inducement to such acts of valor, the State of Virginia, at a very early period of the Revolution, contracted to give all who should engage in her military service liberal bounties in lands. Numerous acts to effectuate this object were passed by her Legislature; among others was one approved in November, 1781, setting apart for that purpose "all that tract of land included within the rivers Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee and the Carolina boundary line," which was all of her territotory then left unappropriated. Col. Charles Porterfield left no wife or children, and his brother, Robert Porterfield, also a Revolutionary soldier, became his sole heir-at-law. In 1782 the State of Virginia issued to said Robert Porterfield, as heir-at-law of his brother Charles and under the said act of 1781, a warrant for 6,000 acres. In 1783 another similar warrant was issued to him as assignee of Thomas Quarles for 2,666⅔ acres. With these warrants and in supposed conformity with law Robert Porterfield, in August, 1784, made entry of certain lands in the district above described amounting in all to 6,133⅓ acres. Owing, however, to Indian troubles, and by reason of adverse legislation of the State of Kentucky, which State, carved out of the Virginia territory, included said land; Porterfield was unable to perfect his entries until 1824, and a patent was issued to him by the governor of said State of Kentucky. The land included in this patent is covered by the wealthy and populous city of Paducah. At the time of the passage of the act of 1781 by the Leglslature of Virginia, authorizing these donations to Revolutionary soldiers, it was supposed that by a prior act, that of 1779, all these lands subject to location by these military warrants—to-wit: the land included in the above specified territory—had been removed from all possible location by a certain other kind of warrant issued by the State and known as "land-office treasury warrants." But after the issuance of his patent in 1824, Porterfield discovered that his land was in fact covered by certain other entries made in 1780 and 1781 by one George B. Clark with some of these treasury warrants. The Clark entries antedated those made by Porterfield; were prior in fact to the act of 1781, under which Porterfield claimed. Porterfield was then an infirm old old man, and, desiring to avoid all contention and litigation, he presented to the Twenty-fourth Congress a petition asking indemnity for the lands to which he had thus after so many years obtained title, only to find the same covered by prior rights. Eminent lawyers, however, doubting the legality of the Clark entries, and fearing that Congress might not be disposed to grant indemnity while that question remained unsetted, and particularly as the property had then become of great value, and was covered by the city of Paducah, Porterfield, under the advice of the then Senator Leigh, of Virginia, and others, filed a bill in equity in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the district of Kentucky, against the guarantees of Clark. Extended and costly litigation ensued, the bill was dismissed with costs on the 13th day of November, 1851, and upon appeal this decree of the Circuit Court was affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States. (Porterfield vs. Clark, 2 How., 76.) Pending this suit Porterfield died, leaving William Kinney and Thomas J. Michie executors of his estate. The petition for relief was renewed in the Thirty-sixth Congress, all the facts above recited were established, and that body was asked to indemnity the estate for the absolute failure of the consideration given to Robert Porterfield in 1784 for the patriotic services and death of his brother in the darkest hours of the Revolution, and for the loss of what was, as between him and the United States, a good, valid and perfect title, both in law and equity, to the whole of the populous and wealthy city of Paducah. Congress investigated the case, examined all the facts; elaborate reports were unanimously made by the committees of both houses, and the result was the passage of the act of April 11, 1860, by which it was directed that 6,122 acres of warrants should be issued to the said Kinney