

WHO IS THE MAID?

Who is this maid with chin so high—
No application in her eye—
Whose talk is of philosophy?

And who is she in bright attire,
Whose stunning style we all admire—
And who in stocks can take a ty'r?

And she with cheeks of peach-and-cream—
Modest, petite, and shy of me—
Who "gets insulted" now and then?

Ah! who this "queen with radiant air"—
With "diamonds sprinkled in her hair"—
And "train that sweeps the ground afar"—

Who is the maid whose dainty slipper
Was boarded by a pirate skipper
And rigged up for an ocean clipper?

HE WAS AN ARTIST.
But She Married Him Just the Same.

He had a studio on Chestnut street—before his arrival it was known as an attic. It had that trade-mark peculiar to an artist's den, namely, dust and disorder. But this morning there was a suspicion of neatness in the arrangement of many unfinished canvases; some of the dust and dirt had been removed, though a few spider-webs lurked in the corners. However, taking all into consideration, it was not so bad a place as it might be.

So thought its sole lord and master, by name David Marvin, as he sat before his easel, putting a little darker background to the lovely face he was painting. Perhaps you might not call it lovely, but I assure you that the artist thought those deep brown eyes, the auburn hair, and the firm red lips something extraordinary.

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There was no mistake this time; the eyes had a curious gleam that caused the painter to dive into a corner in agony of search for the sketches.

But what was this? Bump, bump, up the stairs it came, and amid a great heaving of sighs the door was swung open, and in the open portal appeared a personage of great proportions: an immense white chip bonnet adorned with flaming red roses and blue ribbons, a purple gown, green flannel bag of dimensions unknown, and a white cotton umbrella made the tout ensemble.

"I wish she wouldn't do that," he thought, bending his flaxen head to avoid any more flashes, let us suppose. "By the way, you wished to see those new water-color sketches of mine, didn't you?"

"Yes, I should very much like to see them, Mr. Marvin."

"I beg your pardon, Aunt Eliza," said David, recovering his lost energy and pulling himself up with a jerk. "Miss Luthorp, allow me to introduce my aunt, Miss Havens."

"In from Redington, Pa.?" ye've heard of Redington, miss?" inquired the old lady, with some pride. "It's a real smart place. Davy was bizz up there," she went on, sending her sister a look.

"I hope that fellow hasn't been telling ye yarns about his an—oh, whatever you call 'em they say all in Philadelphia, do you know. Why, do you know, I remember Davy when he was a little chap in petticoats, tetchin' water from the well and noddin' the babies, carryin' them pig-a-back. Ye needn't blush, Davy; it's gospel truth. I wonder what yer mother would say if she seen ye now, dabblin' in those art paints? Like as not she'd washin' yer father's clothes; his father's a miner, Miss Luthorp. Why, yer surely not goin'?"

"Yes, you will please excuse me, but I remember that I have a pressing engagement that I can not slight. Good-bye."

"I am sorry, Miss Luthorp," said David, in a husky voice, surprise and indignation making his naturally staid tongue dumb. "Good morning. Oh, aunt, what have you done?" he exclaimed, as he closed the door after the young lady. "I can't hardly say I thank you for airing those spicy anecdotes of my juvenile days," he continued, bitterly. "What will she think?" was the next thought. "And she'll never come back," he unluckily muttered aloud. Aias, poor Davy.

over him, the bonnie brown eyes that David both loved and feared were looking down in his blue orbs with unutterable tenderness. What more was needed? "Darling, your turn now," he whispered. "You'll like to—"

"I, O, David! I intended to tell you—not now, but somewhere off in the vague ages—that I liked to listen to the lady's chat about—"

"My dear O darling of darlings!" The postures were something artistic, since their attitudes were struck quite impromptu, somewhat after that painting of Romeo and Juliet in Friar Lawrence's cell. The friar alone was needed.

"But to aid behold! Who made an appearance at this moment, but the venerable gentleman in feminine garb of—Aunt Eliza! "David Marvin! Ye blamed—Sakes alive! I'm sure I beg yer pardon, Miss Luthorp."

"Aunt Eliza, allow me to introduce my little wife to be," David said, rising from his cramped position. "My soul! Ye don't say! Would you marry an artist, Miss Luthorp?"

"Yes, indeed, any amount of them," she answered, with a fond glance at David. "One at a time, darling, I think would be best," he suggested. "Take me first for a trial."

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY. Taylor and Craig Company, plaintiff, against Patrick R. McDonnell and William Dawson, Jr., defendants. Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a judgment entered in the above entitled action on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1885, a certified copy of which has been to me delivered with instructions to enforce the same, the undersigned, sheriff of said county, will on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1885, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the clerk of this court, in said city, sell at public auction, for sale at public auction for cash all the right, title or estate, which the said defendants, or either of them, had on the fourth day of September, A. D. 1884, or have since acquired, in or to the premises and real estate mentioned and described in said judgment, to-wit: all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Ramsey and city of Minneapolis, to-wit: the south twenty-four feet of lot one and all of lot two of block ten of Dawson's addition to Saint Paul, according to the plat thereof on record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Ramsey aforesaid. Dated July 21, 1885. FRED RICHTER, Sheriff of Ramsey County. WILLIAMS & GODDARD, Plaintiff's Attorneys, St. Paul, Minn. july 21-28-85