

# THE PORTRAITS

Matthew Mercer should have been a very happy man, and so he esteemed himself. Two children as pretty as their mother played at her knee. They were as greatly blessed as were Adam and Eve in Paradise. But even to Paradise, as we remember, there came a serpent. So to Margaret Mercer's home came one day Elsie Grey, as fair a serpent as one could meet—a woman of whom one said, looking at her for the first time, "She is as good as she is beautiful." She came as governess for the children, and Margaret, charmed by her sweet face, made a compact of friendship with her at once and was well pleased that Matthew liked the girl.

That was in December. One day in June in walked Miss Euphemia Jones and looked straight into the wet eyes turned, somewhat indignantly, upon her. "Ain't well, eh?" said the spinster. "Not very," said Margaret. "And tired, you know, and—"

"And unhappy," said the spinster. "Don't tell me, Mrs. Mercer. And this I say: Get rid of that there sly boots of a governess, or you'll hev more reason to cry than you hev now. Men is tahn, Mrs. Mercer, and your husband!"

"But Matthew is my husband," panted Margaret.

"Then he hadn't ought to go a-walkin with Miss Grey," said the spinster, "holdin her hand, too—he oughtn't. But there's somethin you ought to know—the oughtn't to go out of town along with her. We saw them take the cars, I and Mrs. Thompson, only an hour ago."

Revisited by the beautiful serpent his wife's kind heart had warmed and nourished until it had strength to sting her, Matthew Mercer had left his home, his wife and his children for her sake.

Margaret suffered in silence. She resolved to earn her own bread for herself and family, and she met with a great success.

She could paint, and her first picture told the tale, so like her own, of Queen Eleanor in Rosamond's tower.

Rosamond was Elsie Grey; Eleanor had her own features, and the portrait of the king upon the wall was that of Matthew Mercer.

The picture was on exhibition, it hung in a great gallery set off by a dusky procession; people went to see it, and it was admired; critics praised it. A rich man offered a great price for it, and meanwhile a man, threadbare and rusty, old before his time, with remorse so stamped upon his handsome features that a child could read it there, peered often about the door of the gallery where the picture hung and looked in along the still, echoing entrance, at the end of which the man who took the tickets sat and read a paper and smoked alternately. At last he ventured in.

"Look here," he said in a sort of shamefaced way to the ticket taker. "I want to see that picture. I haven't any money, but I know Mrs. Mercer once. Let me look, won't you? It can't hurt you or any one."

He walked up to the picture and looked at it. Then he pressed his hand upon his forehead and ground his teeth together.

"Margaret! Margaret!" he muttered. "Oh, God, Margaret!" And then he sat down, staring at the picture with eyes that saw those likenesses as none other ever had.

He sat there still when a rustle of silk, a sweep of velvet, the high tones of young voices filled the gallery. A woman walked up the room and stood before the picture—a child by her hand and a boy behind her.

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ready for a blow. And she, indeed, lifted the knife, but the blow fell upon the picture, upon the painted face of the king, upon the golden hair of Rosamond and the royal robes of Queen Eleanor—slit and tore them, dashed from the canvas all the toil of months in a few short minutes. There was no picture left as she turned from her work for critics to stare at or rich men to buy; but her eyes sparkled and her cheeks were aglow.

"Nothing stands between us now, Matthew," she said. "There is no memory of the past on my heart any more than on that canvas. Let it be blotted out for both of us, and let us begin our life anew together."—New York News.

**The Canny Scot.**

A droll old Scotch farmer rode up to a toll bar, and, finding the gate open, he wheeled his horse round about just as he passed through and shouted for the tollkeeper, who was invisible.

"Hey! I'm sayin fat's the damage tae git through yer gate wi' a horse."

"A shillin," shouted the tollkeeper, making his appearance.

"A shillin?" echoed the farmer sarcastically. "No shillin I've git frae me. I'll awa' hame again." And, wheeling his horse for the second time, he rode off in the direction he wished to go, chucking at the trick he had performed upon the tollkeeper.—London Tit-Bits.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS.**

To prevent steel from rusting place a little bag of quicklime away with the bright steel goods.

To remove panes of glass lay soft soap over the putty which fixes them, and in a few hours they may be easily removed.

When brushing a room, sweep toward the fireplace; otherwise the draft from the chimney draws the dust in that direction and scatters it about the room.

Nothing in the way of linen lasts longer than the half bleached damask, and it is great economy to buy it, for it will not grow yellow when laid away as quickly as the fully bleached.

**A Boston Lover.**

Mamma—Did Mr. Staidle say anything that leads you to think that he intends to propose?

Daughter—He asked me if there was a mortgage on the house.—Boston Transcript.

**No, Don't.**



**Fond Mother** (to very busy brother-in-law)—You might look after Freddy while I'm out. See that he doesn't play with the coals or get into mischief, and if he cries give him a piece of chocolate—there's some in the dining room—and if that doesn't stop him run him round the room on your back. He loves it. But on no account let him be a nuisance to you!—Punch.

**Business Gifts.**

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# "MY OWN SELF AGAIN."

**Mrs. Gates Writes to Mrs. Pinkham, Follows Her Advice and is Made Well.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For nearly two and one-half years I have been in feeble health. After my little child came it seemed I could not get my strength again. I have chills and the severest pains in my limbs and top of head and am almost insensible at times. I also have a pain just to the right of breast bone. It is so severe at times that I cannot lie on my right side. Please write me what you think of my case."—MRS. CLARA GATES, Johns P. O., Miss., April 25, 1898.

**I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as advised and now send you a letter for publication. For several years I was in such wretched health that life was almost a burden. I could hardly walk across the floor, was so feeble. Several of our best physicians attended me, but failed to help. I concluded to write to you for advice. In a few days I received such a kind, motherly letter. I followed your instructions and am my 'old self' again. Was greatly benefited before I had used one bottle. May God bless you for what you are doing for suffering women."—MRS. CLARA GATES, Johns P. O., Miss., Oct. 6, 1899.**

**Negro in Lady's Room.**

WAYCROSS, Ga., April 11.—Shortly after retiring last night Miss Nora Lee Smith, hearing a noise in her room, lighted a lamp to investigate and discovered a negro crouched behind the dressing case. Frightened she dropped the lamp, screamed and ran into the hallway where she met her father, who had been attracted by her cries, to whom she told of her discovery. Her father rushed into the room, but the negro had jumped through the window to the ground, a distance of 25 feet, and escaped.

**Rebel Sentenced.**

PUERTO RICO, San Domingo, April 11.—The trial of Perico Pepin, who recently led a small uprising against the government of San Domingo, has ended with the conviction of the prisoner. Pepin was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50,000 in gold.

**Consolidation Effective July 1.**

CHATTANOOGA, April 11.—The new line combine will not organize until July 1. The details for the formal consolidation of all the lines recently purchased by the consolidated company are being arranged, and are expected to be completed by the date named.

**Farmer Killed by Lightning.**

WASHINGTON, Ga., April 11.—Theodore Haynes, a prosperous young farmer of Motasville, this county, was killed by a stroke of lightning Monday afternoon. He was about 24 years old and leaves a wife and child.

**Naval Demonstration at Tokyo.**

BERLIN, April 11.—An international naval demonstration will take place at Tokyo. The German squadron is stationed conveniently, so that the ships can be easily concentrated in the gulf of Pe-Chi Li.

**Delegates Instructed For Bryan.**

HELENA, Mont., April 11.—The Populist state convention here has selected ten delegates and alternates to the Sioux Falls convention. The delegates were instructed for Bryan for president.

**A LITTLE KNOWN FACT.**

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**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

All creditors, legatees, distributees, and all other persons having claims or demands against the estate of John Barry, deceased, are required to present them to me within two years.

F. C. BREWSTER, Executor.

**FORT BARRANCAS, March 30, 1900.** Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 a. m., April 14th, 1900, and then opened for construction at Fort Pickens, Fla., 1 Barrack and 1 Guard House. U. S. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes should be marked: "Proposals for construction at Fort Pickens, Fla.," addressed T. N. HORN, 1st Lieut. Q. M., 36th St. pl 12-21.

# THE REPORT IS FORWARDED.

**Special Agent Macatee Concludes His Work at Charleston.**

CHARLESTON, April 11.—The report of Special Agent Macatee of the treasury department has been forwarded to Washington and it will probably be several days before his recommendations and the decision of the department on the violation of the custom house regulations, in storing contraband liquors in the building, will be announced.

Mr. Macatee refused to make known his recommendation in advance of the report reaching and being acted upon by the department at Washington.

**Fire in Equitable Building.**

ATLANTA, April 11.—A peculiar and what came near proving a very disastrous fire broke out in the Equitable building last night. A bolt of lightning struck some of the wires running into the building and passing down into the shaft where all the electrical wires are located set fire to the woodwork near the shaft on nearly every floor.

**LINGRING LA GRIPPE COUGH**

G. Vacher, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "My wife had a very severe case of la grippe, and it left her with a very bad cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Price 25c. and 50c. W. A. D'Alemberte.

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