

Clois Mistral.

MAKING A HOME.

At a reception in Washington lately, a woman famous in the last generation, fell under the discussion of a certain of her old friends, one of whom spoke of her with a power of repartee, another of her kind, generous charity, a third of her keen instinct in reading character.

"To me," said General P., "she was most remarkable for her ability to make a home. Pat her (as I have seen her in the West) in a log cabin, with nothing but some wooden chairs, a piece of muslin, and open fire, and the odds and ends which she had stored in her trunk, and she would turn it in a few hours into a charming dwelling-place. Of all her gifts, that was to me the most attractive and womanly."

An American who saw in his youth an Englishwoman pre-eminent at that time for her learning and genius, was questioned as to his impression of her. "She overcame me with her knowledge; her broad, liberal views and her philanthropy opened a new world to me. Yet the most distinct recollection I have of the visit is the torn and dirty tablecloth, the greasy carpet, the ashes strewn half-way across the floor."

Carlyle, who had been used to coarse surroundings in his early home, was deeply impressed by the refinement, the pretty "bits of pleasing," the gentleness, in the home of the woman he afterwards married; and the most pathetic part of his wife's history is her heroic effort to give this daily charm to the rough dwellings in which he placed her.

There is no trait in the Englishman stronger than his love of home, and hence he is apt to value in women the quality of "making a home" above all others. The editor's wife "makes the hearth clean" to show her joy at his return. It is the "household nations" of Woodworth's ideal women that are "light and free," and all Shakespeare's, Livelle heroines are domestic women.

"Let me see your home, and I will tell you what you are," the Russian Paulovitch says to his country-women. Our American girls, in their zeal for music, art, or it may be authorship, are sometimes apt to forget this. They leave the oversight and the details of housekeeping to servants, forgetting that the solid tablecloth and greasy carpet tell tales of character as loudly and emphatically as do dress and taste.

They forget, too, that while their picture or song-story may prove a failure, a dainty, cheerful home is a poem which any woman may give to the world, and one which all men can understand and will certainly take to heart.

WHAT THE LILLY DID.

A traveler in British Guiana was sailing one day in a boat up the river Berbice, when he came upon a magnificent flower, which for the time completely captivated him. All difficulties and discomforts were counted as nothing in his enthusiasm over this new treasure, which no botanist had ever before described. The river was full of water lilies, whose numerous petals were shaded from snow-white to the deepest rose, and measured frequently fourteen inches across. The green leaf was from five to six feet across, and its lower edge was of the deepest crimson. All possible pains were taken to introduce this wonderful plant to England. It was named the Victoria Regia and a little glass house was designed for it, which should effectually receive it with regard to its new habitation. The point was to make it imagine itself in its native waters, a little ripple was given to the stream by means of a wheel, and the temperature was most carefully attended to. Its successful were the efforts, that the giant lily outgrew its house of glass in a month. Then Mr. Paxton set to work to build another conservatory sixty by forty feet in dimensions, which was a model of beauty and convenience.

About this time a worthy stiffs was going on about a building for the World's Fair. It went to the hearts of the "Londoners" to have their beautiful Hyde Park invaded by such an array of brick and mortar workers as would be necessary to make a building for the great exhibition. The fashionable roads must all be cut up by the thousands of carts going and coming, and then there was little time in which to buy such an amount of brick as would be needed.

It suddenly occurred to Mr. Paxton, that a succession of green houses like this, made of glass and iron, would solve the whole difficulty. He laid his plan before the commissioners, but they rejected it. Prince Albert and many others were greatly in favor of the glass palaces, the illustrated newspapers spread the plan, and at last the commissioners "came down," and the wonderful palace was built, and proved a perfect success. How many buildings have been erected after it since that memorable 1851! How much the world has been indebted to that grand South American lily, which brought such an innovation in architecture.

Two Essays.—When a small boy, I was carrying a not very large ladder, when there was a crash. An unlucky moment had brought the rear end of my ladder against a window. Instead of soothing me my father made me stop, and said very quietly: "Look here, my son, there is one thing I wish you to remember, that is, every ladder has two ends. I never have forgotten it, though many years have gone. Do not let us carry things besides ladders that have two ends? When I see a young man getting 'feet' habits I think he sees only one end of the ladder, the one pointing toward pleasure, and that he does not know that the other is wounding his parents' hearts. Ah, yes, every ladder has two ends, and it is a thing to be remembered in more ways than one.

A NOVA SCOTIAN VINDICATED.

We have been asked to republish the following letter to the Halifax Morning Chronicle. It speaks for itself:

To the Editor of the Chronicle:

SIR,—A short time ago an item appeared in some of the papers that Charles S. Hamilton, a lawyer in New Haven, Conn., had been suspended from practice for an alleged misappropriation of the trivial sum of \$45, or \$25—the amount seems to be in dispute. As Mr. Hamilton is a Nova Scotian—a graduate of King's college, Windsor, where he obtained high honors—it is but just to him and his friends to give the facts in the matter and let the public judge for itself. Mr. Hamilton is a practicing lawyer in New Haven, where he has resided some dozen years, he is also a graduate of Yale College, and has always borne both here and there an unblemished character of uprightness and integrity, as well as ability as a lawyer. The treatment he has received in this matter has caused great excitement, and just public indignation, no one for a moment believed that he would be guilty of a dishonest or dishonorable act in any event, but especially over such a trivial sum; and as soon as what the judge had done was made known 75 to 100 of the foremost citizens of the place—bankers, wholesale merchants, manufacturers, presidents of railroads, &c.—signed and presented to him the following address:

To CHARLES S. HAMILTON, Esq. New Haven, Conn.

We, the undersigned, remembering your former successful career at the bar in New Haven, and the entirely unblemished character you have always borne, do hereby express our complete sympathy for you, our still unshaken confidence in your uprightness and integrity, and our feeling (without in any way reflecting on the fairness of the judge) that a great injustice has been in some way done to you by the recent decision of the superior court.

We trust that you will not consider such decision any reason for not continuing to reside with us and practicing your profession in New Haven in the future. New Haven, Feb. 24th, 1886. (Signed) E. S. Bradley, president Yale National bank, and about 100 others.

A small clique of petty attorneys whose methods of practice are more to their own advantage than to the advantage of such clients as they have, were at the bottom of the whole affair and worked up this case against Mr. H., because he did not fall in with their ways, and hence the indignation on the part of the citizens who have no respect for this class. All the best class of lawyers in the city and state are on Mr. Hamilton's side, and some forty of them in New Haven alone, including Ex-governor Ingersoll, Judge Morris and J. S. Beach, have signed an address to the judge endorsing Mr. Hamilton's character, and asking him to open the case, which it is to be hoped will be done, and justice done to our countryman. The only witness against him is a man of bad character, and the public cannot understand how the judge came to be so imposed upon, unless it is that he did not understand the character of the witness, and Mr. H., and his friends believed the whole matter so utterly trivial that they did not go it to a full defence as they should have done.

Mr. H.'s success as a lawyer and popularity with his clients has caused a good deal of mean jealousy on the part of the petty attorneys who made this attack, and as he had come in a stranger from another country they have made this attempt to destroy him; but we are glad to learn that all of the best of the bar of the state and public opinion are entirely on his side.

The vestry of St. Paul's church—the largest and most influential church in the city, of which Mr. H. is a member—immediately took the matter and organized a committee of five—composed of solid business men of integrity—to investigate the matter, and after a full investigation required him of everything in consistent with uprightness, integrity and good morals, and unreservedly placed the following:

To CHARLES S. HAMILTON: Dear Sir,—Your associates in the vestry of St. Paul's church feeling deep sympathy for you, desire to assure you of their unbroken confidence in your integrity, they find no reason to withhold the words you so honorably bear.

They would also express their earnest wish that some way may be found for reopening the case and relieving you from the great hardship which the judgment brings. (Attest) WILLIAM F. CURBURN, Clerk.

DON'T LOAF.

It was the poet Cowper who flung a whole volume of philosophy into this couplet: "Ab-sence of occupation is not rest: A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."

This idea is worth a moment's thought. Not one of the thousands of our readers, it is to be hoped, would deliberately set out to be a "loafer." The very word makes one shudder with a feeling of contempt. Yet the loafer is a product of our times. He begins with "absence of occupation." That is, in his leisure hours he does not turn himself to something, he loaf, if you will, which taxes his powers. Soon he comes to have a mind quite vacant, and then he is on the high road to success in the world of loafers.

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Table with columns: Annapolis Leave, 14 Bridgeton, 28 Hantsport, 42 Aylesford, 47 Hantsport, 50 Waterville, 60 Kentville, 64 Port Williams, 66 Wolville, 68 Grand Fro, 72 Avonport, 75 Hantsport, 84 Wolville, 110 W. Union, 130 Halifax arrive.

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