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GEORGE KNOWLING.

Jan 23, 1, 1914

The Story Of "Mona Lisa."

Famous Painting is World's Most Celebrated Portrait.—Leonard da Vinci's masterpiece, whose recovery in Florence has been the talk of the civilized globe is chiefly notable for her smile—musicians and jesters used to secure it for painter.

Art circles the world over are rejoicing in the recovery of Leonard da Vinci's priceless painting, the "Mona Lisa," also known as "La Gioconda"—in French "La Joconde," "the smile"—stolen from the Louvre museum of Paris two years ago. It is the most celebrated portrait in existence. It was reported at one time that the British Government had offered \$500,000 for the work. The offer was declined.

Leonardo da Vinci's model was the third wife of Francesco del Gioconda, a Florentine of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. When Da Vinci painted her she was about thirty years old. She is shown seated in a low chair, on the left arm of which she is leaning. The gown is simple and drapes the figure in easy folds. Dark hair, hanging loosely, drapes an oval face with expressive eyes and aquiline nose.

About the mouth is seen the smile which has been the chief characteristic in making the painting famous. It is said that Da Vinci, in order to obtain this effect, had musicians, singers and jesters near his subject to amuse her as he painted. The pic-

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Poets have found a peculiar fascination in Mona Lisa's smile. "If Don Juan had met her," wrote Theophile Gautier, "he would have been saved the writing on his list of the names of 2,000 women—he would have written but one, and the wings of his love would have refused to carry him further."

"The smile and the name," wrote Sir Claude Phillips shortly after the picture disappeared from the Louvre. "are by this time mysteriously interwoven, and the title of 'La Joconde' will ever call up the glance, which is not so much one of youthful buoyancy and joy in existence as an interrogation penetrating into the very being of the onlooker, but allowing no penetration, no divination, on his part in return."

The artist spent almost four years on the work, from 1503 to 1504, and even then pronounced it unfinished. Soon after the picture was painted it was purchased by King Francis I. of France for 4,000 ducats (about \$9,200). King Francis was an ardent admirer of Da Vinci's work, and he afterward appointed him his court painter. Da Vinci died in France in 1519.

Though the picture would seem to have an unbroken "pedigree" since the day that the king bought it, there have been and still are critics who declare that it is not the original "Gioconda." The best opinion, however, is that this is the work on which Da Vinci labored with such minute care, even arranging to have music played to bring to the face of his sitter that strange, baffling smile that has captivated lovers of art for four centuries.

"She is older than the rocks among which she sits," wrote Walter Pater in a passage in "The Renaissance," which has become almost as celebrated as the picture. "Like the vampire, she has been dead many times and has learned the secrets of the grave. . . . and has trafficked for strange webs with eastern merchants and, as Leda, was the mother of Helen of Troy and, as St. Anne, the mother of Mary. And all this has been to her but as the sound of lyres and flutes and lives only in the delicate, with which it has modeled the changing lineaments and tinged the eyelids and the hands."

The lack of motive has always been the stumbling block in the way of the story of robbery until the explanation that the Italian who committed the theft did so to avenge the taking out of Italy by Napoleon of the famous collection which France acquired through the emperor's invasion.

Many stories and theories had been circulated. It was with such particularity that the story that the "Mona Lisa" was not stolen, but was destroyed by carelessness while being cleaned, was told and retold, that it came to be generally believed. Artists especially credited it.

Another story that the actual theft took place long before Aug. 1, 1911 the date when the story of the disappearance of the picture was put into circulation. It was said that the original had been replaced by a copy and that when the officials discovered that they evaded the story of the robbery this yarn was rather circumstantially told, but there appeared to be little to support it except some vivid imagination.

Healthy and Unhealthy Lighting.

Gas, it may be said, vitiates the atmosphere. True. But it also helps to purify it, its purifying power is greater than its vitiating power. Electricity does not vitate, nor does it purify. Hear what three eminent men have said:—

Much evidence has lately been adduced to show that gas is more useful than the electric light in promoting efficient ventilation of air. It is for this amongst other reasons, that gas is being frequently substituted for the electric light. The latest example is, perhaps, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, which has recently installed gas on its premises, after experience with the electric light.—Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry.

He would merely add that no member who had experience of their meeting room under the old conditions could deny the improvement that had taken place since gas had been substituted for the electric light and the new system of heating and ventilation had been installed.—Dr. Reginald Diefeld, before the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

I have in my mind's eye, at the moment, a hall which, in the old days, was lighted by gas, and in which a large audience could, with comfort, sit through an hour's lecture, or with pleasure through a three hour dinner, but which, with the march of civilization, had its illumination changed from gas to electricity, the latter being employed with all the latest refinements to effect the lighting under the best conditions, with the result that any large gathering within its walls leads to a slight little short of asphyxiation.—Vivian B. Lewis, Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—Nov 8, 11

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The worst feature in this instance is there are a few residents west of King's Bridge compelled to use for drinking purposes "spring wells" situated either in their cellars or their back yards. Should the said wells become polluted owing to the drainage of this night soil what will happen, not even the P. H. O. can tell. May I ask what is Inspector O'Brien doing in this respect. Surely with horse and sleigh at his disposal, (provided by the taxpayers?), he should visit King's Bridge and put a stop immediately to the sanitary staff. I think there is a Municipal Law on the statutes, which states that no night soil is allowed to be deposited within the city limits. If such is the case I would strongly advise Inspector O'Brien to be up and doing and compel by law the sanitary department from continuing their work so justly complained of.

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