

PRUDENCE HART.

By Georgiana M. Craik.

"Well, she is a demure little soul," said Keith Verner, "and not much of a beauty either."

Upon which Mrs. Verner replied with decision: "She is quite as much of a beauty, as there is any need for her to be."

And the young man, as that response, laughed.

They were speaking of some one who had just left the room—Miss Prudence Hart, a young person who had just entered the Verner's family only two days before, to fill the post of companion to Mrs. Verner's only daughter, Mabel. Mabel Verner was 19, and was not in very robust health. She was a little fainthearted, and had of late developed a certain fretfulness, with which her mother, who was an active and cheerful woman, had not much sympathy.

"The child tries me exceedingly," she had often said to her husband. "She has everything to make her happy. I wonder she has not made one day lately, 'how it would answer to give her some companion of her own age!'"

"What, another girl?" asked Mr. Verner. "Well, that is not a bad idea."

continued Mrs. Verner thoughtfully. "The only objection to there might be some difficulty with the boys."

"Oh, not the least fear of that!" exclaimed her husband in a tone of amazement. "The boys, you may be sure, would like it."

"I have little doubt that they would like it," Mrs. Verner answered shortly. "What I fear is that they might like it too well. If it were not that they are so little here."

"Ah, yes, that makes all the difference," he assented.

"If they were living at home I should not think of such an arrangement for a moment, but seeing how much they are away, I am disposed to think that the plan might be tried; especially if we could find some nice, quiet girl, not very good-looking," said Mrs. Verner.

And then something of the nature of a protest rose to her husband's lips, but on reflection he did not utter it.

Soon after this, Mrs. Verner having consulted with her daughter, and received Mabel's assent to her scheme, began to make known amongst her acquaintances that she wished to receive into her house some young person of a modest and retiring demeanor, in consequence of which numerous young persons were proposed to her, and from amongst these various candidates she finally selected one who seemed in a happy degree to combine the several qualifications that she most desired to secure. For by the lady who recommended her, Prudence Hart was certified to be cheerful, clever, domestic of a sweet temper, and with regard to propriety and modesty of deportment, all that the most anxious mother could demand.

And then to sum up all, she was not handsome. Mrs. Verner saw her with her own eyes, and could testify to the fact. "A pleasant face, yes, I should call it decidedly pleasant, healthy and fresh, but with no pretensions to good looks," she stated with decision to her husband, speaking of Miss Hart before the young lady took up her abode with them. "A nice, plain, retiring, lady-like looking girl—just the sort of person I had in my mind. Mrs. Prescott speaks of her in the warmest way. She says we shall find she will be a comfort to us all."

"Well, that is, I suppose, assuming we shall be in need of comfort," suggested Mr. Verner; but his wife did not respond to this unappealing remark.

It was turning dark on a spring evening when the fly that had brought Miss Hart and her luggage from the station, drew up before Mrs. Verner's hall door.

"Will you take my two portmanteaus in if you please?" The fare is three-and-sixpence," said the young lady, and paid the money and entered the house.

The next moment she saw Mabel coming across the hall to meet her, and she put out her hand with a little smile.

"How do you do?" Mabel said. "I am afraid you are cold. We hoped you would come by an earlier train, you know."

"This has been a very nice train," answered Prudence. "And I like arriving at places in the evening."

And then Mabel took her to her mother, who was waiting to receive her in the drawing-room.

Miss Hart was a young woman of apparently two or three and twenty, with a placid, rounded face, and glossy hair divided in the middle, and put smoothly back from a broad, low forehead. The forehead and nose were good, and the eyes fairly handsome, but the rest of the features were homely enough.

"I call her plain, decidedly," Mabel said, after she had been in her company for an hour.

"Yes, my dear," replied her mother, "I told you she was plain, but I don't consider that that is any drawback."

And then Mabel said, "Perhaps not," but thought at the same time in heart that it self, and cared enough for her beauty without it.

The day after Miss Hart's arrival the girls spent a good deal together, and Mabel found her new companion pleasant enough. "She talks a good deal when she is alone with me," she told her mother, "and she can be amusing too. I rather like her, my dear, you know, she is less shy than she does with papa and you."

"Very probably," answered Mrs. Verner. "That is only natural," and she gratefully noted that Mabel wrote a letter to Mrs. Prescott, telling her she gave entire satisfaction, and that so far she was quite as good as her word.

And certainly I have every reason as yet to be pleased with the result of our experiment, said she complacently to her husband at night.

To which Mr. Verner replied, "I'm—she is an odd little person. She won't contribute very much, I suspect, to the general liveliness of the house."

"She will contribute probably as much to it as it is at all desirable she should do," replied Mrs. Verner with emphasis. A promise, however, sort of a girl would not, I consent to."

"Well, no—I dare say not," assented Mr. Verner. "Only mean to say that she was not particularly attractive."

"And is there any necessity," inquired his wife, "why should she be particularly attractive?"

reason, on the contrary, why she should be her, coming out to-morrow night."

"Well, my dear, you need give yourself no concern about that," said Mr. Verner, and he went his way laughing.

And in fact, when Keith Verner came

out the following evening, he was certainly not smitten with her.

Keith was the eldest of Mr. Verner's two sons; the other was named Geoffrey, and they were both at this time walking the hospitals in London, they came down nearly always once a week to their father's house at Tunbridge Wells, and sometimes even more frequently.

On this occasion Keith had come out by himself, and before he took his leave next morning he said to his sister Mabel, "I don't think much of your new friend."

"I believe she returns the compliment," replied Mabel, "for, to judge by what she said, I should not imagine that she thought much of you."

"What do you mean that she has said?" inquired Keith, pricking up his ears at this, and rather taken aback, for the young man set some store on himself.

And then Mabel laughed, and informed him by degrees that Miss Hart had asked if he was not conceited, and rather idle, and had also implied a suspicion in regard to the depth of his acquirements—which, with did not consider ill-founded by any means.

"Well upon my word!" exclaimed Keith, with a certain vehemence, "in the circumstances, not unnatural warmth."

"Oh, she is very acute," said Mabel. "You would not think it, but she notices a good many things."

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—The Supreme Court of Maryland has declared the Single Tax unconstitutional.

—A co-operative Labor Exchange, chartered under Missouri laws, is spreading over Kansas.

—At Wayne, Ind., Federal Judge Baker gave a decision disenfranchising the poor-house inmates.

—The People's Party at Constantia, N. Y., has nominated a full ticket for the spring election.

—At a meeting held in Boston last week, the American tanners formed a combine with a capital of \$50,000,000.

—The People's Party Convention, held at Port Huron, Mich., recently adopted resolutions demanding proportional representation.

—The farmer soon will breathe the air of springtime's matchless morn; and slyly the blackbirds will notice where he drops his grains of corn.

—It is announced that an agent of the United States treasury has gone to England to borrow \$50,000,000 to tide over the stringency. England rules the financial world.

—The duties levied on Canadian manufacturers upon domestic products are doubly heavy because they add to the people's burdens without putting money in the treasury.

—Nature has been prodigal toward the people of the United States, but the people have not been prodigal toward the people of some districts to the level of the less favored nations of Europe.

—Great territory and population and diversity of industries may enable a people to endure a restrictive tariff, but trade restraints can never assist in furthering a healthy diversity of occupations or a growth in population.

—The direct legislation amendment to the California State Constitution failed of the two thirds vote necessary for its adoption. The division was 37 yeas to 30 nays.

—California legislators have done well to record a majority vote in favor of the coming law of the land.

—A deputation of young men waited on the Provincial Government last week to urge the advancement of the interests of higher education among farmers' sons.

—The speakers acknowledged the great good the Government had done already in this direction and the benefits derived from the liberal policy pursued by Hon. John Dryden as Minister of Agriculture, together with the advantages offered by the Guelph college, but they urged that much remained to be done, and pressed upon the ministers the desirability of developing the present policy still further.

—Too many laws are placed on our statute books only to be disregarded by the people and overlooked by those in authority. If officials are too weak kneed to enforce any law and the people do not desire its enforcement, it should be declared inoperative and stricken from the statute book. There ought not to be any dead-letter laws. We are pleased to note that the Populist Governor Llewelling, of Kansas, has decided to enforce the license laws of that State and that, as stated in our telegraphic reports, 30 bartenders have been placed behind the bars to answer for their acts.

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Fred—How do you like the table at your new boarding house? Is there anything to object to? Arthur—Precious little, old fellow.

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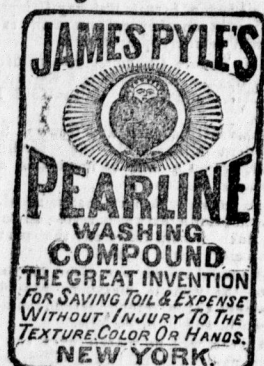
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Clever Tricks of Trade—How the Artist Deceives His Patrons.

While "working up the negative" is always allowable among professional photographers, it is not considered strictly artistic, and is rarely practiced by amateurs, who find a great deal of difficulty in dealing with any imperfections of the skin. Freckles are particularly hard to manage, and a very simple preparation, which should be among the "properties" of an amateur photographer, and which will prove very efficacious in giving a clear, white tint to the skin, is a kind of white liquid cosmetic, much used by actresses on the stage. It is simply a little oxide of zinc mixed with glycerine and thinned with a little rosewater until of a creamy consistency. This applied to the face with a bit of sponge quite effaces all freckles and other blemishes in the photograph. To "work up" negative all that is required is a No. 11 Faber's pencil, a little Chinese white, a very fine brush and a vast amount of practice. By gentle stippling with the point of the pencil or the brush all facial blemishes may be removed, crooked noses may be made straight, and lines or wrinkles eliminated. A certain fashionable photographer owes much of his success to his skillful manipulation of the pencil, whereby he flatters his subject into good humor; she is quite ready to appropriate the worked-up picture as an exact likeness, "because it is a photograph." Most of the fashionable photographers of the day have made their reputation by their daring flattery, one of them having the cleverness even to slice off his customers' figures and make them as slender as they believe themselves to be. They receive the picture complacently, firmly believing that the camera always tells the truth. [New York Tribune.

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