

A ROMANTIC VERSIFIER.

PASTOR FELIX WRITES OF GEO. MARTIN, OF MONTREAL.

And calls him "One of our finest Masters of Romantic Verse" - A Criticism of "Marguerite, or the Tale of Demons" - His Debut Generously Postponed.

Ireland has been liberal in her contribution of manhood to Canada. It will never be forgotten that she gave us McGee, whose songs and speeches were emanations of a rich and noble life.

With head in meditation bent, And all our fair world was gone. Down came the snow -

It seemed but the work of a single night, And all our fair world was gone.

Putting aside the ominous scruples of Marguerite, who feared she should be widowed, and that the little child, Lua, who had been born to them would be made an orphan.

The catastrophe came in the midst of the second winter, when their stores, running low, Eugene went forth, like Iliawatha, to hunt -

From orb of day till moon of night, And onward till return of light.

The wife, after long watching, from her despair and grief, sank into a fever; and during her oblivion her infant, Lua, sickened and died.

Then follows an account of the babe's entombment. Scott, in the Lord of the Isles, and the Ettrick Shepherd in The Queen's Wake, have given us descriptions of an ocean cavern, such as Staffa; and as distinct as is the grandeur of Scott in this characteristic passage of his, to my mind, at least, is the sculptural beauty of that describing the place wherein was laid the little Lua.

A cave there was of spacious bound, Whence no wave of human sound Had ever rolled; imprisoned there, Like a gray penitent at prayer,

While with the "flickering lamps" they tarried in that place, clasping "her crucifix and beads of jet," and with her hollow eyes raised in prayer, Nanette died suddenly, and Marguerite was left alone.

Just as day began to fade We parted from that fatal shore, And long we mooned the Demon's Isle.

For them crested the "chattering squirrel," and the partridge drummed in the woody deeps; for them the "yellow sands" spread toward the sea.

Strewed with innumerable shells, In whose pink whorls and breathing cells Beauty and wonder slept ensharined.

For them, again and again, The sea encumbered dome Of heaven its thrilling story told, And Dian, lovely as of old, Favored lavishly her pallid shewn Upon that tranquil world of green.

Mr. Lightball in a biographical note in his "Songs of the Great Dominion," speaks of this money as a loan, and says: "Saul turned out a financial loss, and that on the day when Heavysegg's note fell due, 'Martin took it in his hand and tore it to pieces.'"

Marguerite, or The Isle of Demons, and Other Poems. By George Martin. Dawson Bros., Montreal, 1887.

THE GIRL WHO FLIRTS.

HER "WINNING WAYS AND PLEASANT SMILES."

Compared with the manner of the Prim Little Maiden Interested in Botany - Flirting Merely Health, Fun and Happiness Bubbling Over.

I have read a great deal lately in the public prints about girls who flirt. Indeed, so much has been said on the subject that I feel it is time to come to the rescue and vindicate to the best of my ability a class of damsels who, in my opinion, are having rather a hard time of it, just now.

I don't mean to stand upon the platform and toss my cap vociferously in the air over the unprincipled little pirate who coasts about the peaceful fishing grounds of other girls, like a trim little French privateer, and steals all the fish her less dashing sister has laboriously hooked, just for the mere pleasure of getting the hard won prize away from her, even if she has to throw it back in the water again.

No! For that sort of girl I have no use, and here let me say - speaking in the light of a wisdom that comes from a wide experience of girls - that this genus is exceedingly rare, and the sooner she follows the illustrious example of the dodo and becomes extinct, the better for herself and all mankind.

She is a sort of libel on her charming sex, for the superficial observer, if he is very young, comes, sees and is conquered, gets badly bitten, and goes away howling that all women are alike; and, if you please, he'd like to be a monk and live in a nice monastery, where he can go comfortably bare-footed, and never see a skirt except the one which drapes his own manly form, and is severely destitute of frills.

The girl who flirts is a very different person from the pirate above mentioned. She is the sunbeam of society, the queen rose of the rosebud garden of girls; to see her is to love her - for the time being - and to know her is to become her willing slave.

Were you ever, oh gentle reader, suddenly landed in all the awful loneliness and awkwardness of your manhood in the midst of a roomful of strangers, either at a small evening party, or worse still, feeding time at a 5 o'clock tea? And if so, did not the well bred pause which ensued upon your entrance sound to your quivering nerves louder than the trumpet tongue of Fame?

I trow that it sounded like the Anvil Chorus! And then perhaps you had managed to stumble blindly upon your hostess, bathed in flushes and confusion, and that astute dame led you graciously over to the side of a prim little maiden in white, with a pale blue sash and left you to your fate.

She was a very proper damsel, she of the blue sash and eyes to match, and she would have scorned to flirt, or in fact to do anything amusing. She started coldly at you, and waited for you to begin the conversation, and when at length you did manage to break the ice with a remark upon the beauty of the hostess' plants, she answered primly "very beautiful indeed, botany is my favorite study."

Shade of Envelope and Cleopatra! of Helen and Chastian! and everybody else who was flirtatious, and interesting, and attractive. Look down upon us!! and cheer us under trials such as these!

And then, oh fellow sufferers, to make the contrast doubly strong, did you ever manage to slip away from that pink of propriety under the mean pretext of taking away her teacup and secure an introduction to the delightful piece of divinity with brown eyes and laughing mouth, sitting just inside the folding doors? Why the very smile with which she greeted you, warmed your frozen heart.

The charming gesture with which she made room for you on the sofa beside her restored your self-esteem and the graceful good fellowship of her manner seemed to place you upon the footing of an old friend at once.

She was doing her best to please you, you knew that, and you were grateful for it. She gave you a delightful impression of having waited for you the whole evening unconsciously, and of having attained the utmost good, now that you had met. In short she transformed an arid desert into a blossoming garden, at least for one poor helpless man and sent him home happy instead of miserable. Having done which surely she had fulfilled a mission by no means trivial, and yet no doubt her colorless and prim sister with botanical leanings would have stigmatized her as a senseless flirt.

After all what constitutes a flirt? In many cases a girl bubbling over with health, happiness and fun, a girl who loves to amuse and be amused, to please and be pleased, who, far from regarding every man as a possible lover or husband, merely looks upon him as a probable chum, a good comrade, more attractive than a girl friend could possibly be, because he represents delightful possibilities in the shape of harmless flirtation which shall mean nothing but fun on both sides, and in which no hearts will be broken. A girl who flirts means - oh it means everything that is sweet and charming, and makes the wheels of life run easily and the hours glide by on flying feet.

Are the glasses all filled to the brim? Good! then - the girl who flirts - God bless her!

GEORGEY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

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Without boasting, PROGRESS can claim considerable credit for this improvement, which has been more marked in the past twelve months than in any former period. The excellent engraving department in connection with the paper accounts largely for this. If a business man has ideas, PROGRESS can assist him to carry them out. It was only a few days ago that a gentleman handed the engraving department a slip of paper with a few pencil lines and reading matter, stating that he wanted them in black on white and white on black to occupy an inch space. Here is the result:

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And a full line of First-class PERFUMES - AND - TOILET ARTICLES.

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Price 50c. per bottle; Six bottles for \$2.50. For sale by all Druggists.

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Including the Tracks at St. Stephen, Fredericton, and St. John, Province of New Brunswick.

\$8,750 IN PURSES. ST. STEPHEN, 10th & 11th Sept. ST. JOHN, 24th & 25th Sept. FREDERICTON, 17th & 18th " ST. JOHN, 29th & 30th Sept.

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By THE NEW BRUNSWICK R.Y. From St. Stephen to Fredericton is 94 miles. Fredericton to St. John is 97 miles. St. John to St. Stephen is 117 miles.

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JUST RECEIVED: A NEW LOT OF Flower Stands and Vases, in very pretty designs and colors. Just the thing for CRYSTAL WEDDING PRESENTS.

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Which will be sold at our usual low prices. 1000 Pairs of Pants, at cost; Great Reduction in Gent's fine Summer Underwear.

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PRIVATE SIM

Hurrah! hurrah! a soldier's life!

People who have seen the quaintest spectacles is an outbreak of hysterics. It starts without warning hot afternoon, and the girl giggles till the giggle trol. Then she throws her arms out, and her eyes are wide as she says "Honk, honk, honk, honk, and tears mix with the mistress be wise she severe at this point to ch she be tender hearted and of water the chances are l another girl laughing at and herself collapsing.

Now the mother super and colored people of ment would be justly shoer parison being made betwee charges. But it is certain circumstances. Th be worked up into dit hysteria. He does not su his trouble, and he is every arrangement had be the wedding what Privat "ecklar" It fell in the weather, and after the going up to the Hills with the less, Slane's grievan affair would be a weddings get into the that was meager. Miss care so much. The sen helping her to make her she was very busy. Slan the only moderately com barracks. All the rest v miserable.

And they had so mu happy, too! All their w in the morning, and for they could lie down on smoke canteen plug a punkah coolies. They a fresh meal in the middle then threw themselves do and sweated and slept enough to go out with whose vocabulary contain hundred words, and t those views on every co they had heard of many in the evening, and filled keffion with the healthy provided for them, an stoked, the less exercise more expensive they gre pers began to wear aw brooding over insults, They had nothing else tone of the "repartee" stand of saying light be your syllable in "men polite, and hinted that were not big enough f their enemy, and that space for one of the two is not polite to mention. It may have been the the thing, but the fac Losson had for a long ti Simmons in an aimless occupation. The two side by side, and wou long afternoon swearing Simmons was afraid of not challenge him to a over the words in the h half the hate be felt vented on the wretched Children bought a par

Few children can be induc a struggle, and to wonder tremely fascinating. Ayer's being sugar-coated, are cas little ones, and are, the medicine - Adet.

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