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The flowers stand level on God's floor
With equal nearness to his store.

And flowers, they have no private ends,
But stand together as close friends;
They send their beauty on all things,
An equal gift to clowns and kings.

They worry not; there is enough
Laid by for them of God's good stuff—
Enough for all, and so no fear
Of sky rain and of heavy dew.

And all give back, with pleasure high,
Their riches to the meek and shy.
Yes, since the first star they have stood
A testament of brotherhood.

—Edwin Markham in Saturday Evening Post.

THE LOST MINIATURE.

It Reformed the Man
Who Found It.

By A. D. Loe.

"It is rather a peculiar case," he began.

I smiled wisely. Every one thinks his case peculiar. In reality it generally proves unusual only to the one concerned in it.

My book was turned, face down, on the window sill. I was ready to listen, but Allyn did not go on at once. He sat quietly gazing out of the window across the river. The smile was still on my face as I suggested:

"This 'peculiar case' certainly has its heroine."

"It has a heroine, yes."

Allyn's eyes were so frank as they met mine. His gaze had not been so direct nor his face so clear the last time I had seen him. A year's absence from his old associate had certainly been good for him. It was a pleasure to look at him.

Just now his expression puzzled me. I could not fathom it, but it invited me to continue.

"Have you her photograph with you?"

"Yes."

He drew out of his breast pocket a small red leather case and, opening it, handed it to me. It needed but one glance at the painted oval to make me exclaim impulsively:

"You love her. No one could doubt that an instant."

Such a picture! A dainty little head covered with short, curling hair; a delicate, loving, teasing face; dark, full, bewitching eyes. The throat was bare, and an indistinct mass of white gauze ended the portrait.

"You must love her," I spoke with conviction.

"I do," returned Allyn—"most sincerely."

Still his expression puzzled me. An inscrutable smile played over his face, but he delayed beginning the story he had volunteered to tell.

"And she?" I hesitated over the inquiry remembering what manner of man it was who had gone from us a year ago.

A gentle expression passed over Allyn's face.

"I think she is fond of me," he replied simply.

I stretched out my hand and Allyn grasped it warmly.

"I do believe," he said earnestly, "that if ever a man was fortunate that man is I. Will you care to listen? I used to tell you things when I was a boy," he added apologetically.

I picked up my sewing, always lying ready against such times as this, and leaned back in my rocker.

Allyn reached for the picture. He leaned his head on one hand and his elbow on the table. In the other hand he held the case where his eyes could rest on the face. His own face became grave.

"It was a year ago. One night—or morning, rather—I landed on the ferry on the way to my lodgings. I couldn't get a street car or a cab. In fact, I was too drunk to think of either, so I stumbled along just keeping straight enough to escape the police. In front of my lodgings is an electric light. A slight fall of snow had whitened the pavement and made distinct this case beneath the light. I had just strength and sense enough left to pick it up, tumble up the stairs and stretch myself out on my couch."

Allyn snapped the case shut and paused a moment.

"Some time the next day I awoke and the first thing that attracted my attention was this—open on the floor and her eyes looking up at me—me in that condition."

An expression of disgust good to see came over the man's face.

"I quickly shut the case and put myself and my room in order. Then I sat down and studied her."

Still absorbed in his narrative, Allyn opened the case again and dropped his eyes on the photograph.

"I told you this was a peculiar case, and you will think, I fear, that I am a peculiar man. But the more I looked at her the more I wanted to look. I never parted with the miniature. I carried it around in my pocket and thought and thought about her until she became a living presence to me, a beautiful woman always with me, I became absentminded. The fellows complained, but I came to have an engagement always when they wanted me. My engagement was with this—the lady of the miniature. I had lost

my heart to her. About the original of the photograph I reasoned this way: She would not be carrying her own miniature around in all probability. It must have been lost by a friend, and probably—here was the hard part of it all—by her lover. If I advertised it, he would claim it, and I should not meet her.

"I didn't advertise. I did something far more irrational. I spent my spare hours searching. I visited stores and walked the streets. I haunted the residence part of the city. I went to the opera and scanned the boxes rather than the stage. Needless to say, I did not find her; yet I never lost hope. I felt I must find her and look at her. I felt this afresh every time I opened this case. I would not give up this resource of my own. I did something which I had shrunk from doing before; I haunted out the best detective in the city and told him to spare neither time nor money in finding her."

"Within two weeks I received a note from him. He was obliged to leave the town suddenly. He wrote something like this:

"I've found her at 320 Water avenue. Imogene Munroe. Will give you particulars when I return tomorrow. She is anxious to recover the miniature."

"But I could not await the next day, and saw no reason why it would be necessary. I had the photograph and would take it to her. Because of it I should insure myself a reception at least."

"I went to 320 Water avenue that evening. It is an elegant residence in perfect keeping with the case and face. I had scribbled on my card, 'The finder of the miniature.' The maid who admitted me said that Miss Munroe was at home. She took the card and left me in the reception room. It was one of the most—what shall I call it?—delicious rooms I was ever in. One side was lined with deep windows draped in soft, dainty curtains and filled with plants and flowers. The air was heavy with the scent of roses."

"I stood before one of the windows looking at the blossoms when she came. She came so quietly and gently that I did not hear her. It was only when the sweetest, lowest, clearest voice I had ever heard said, 'At last I am to have my miniature,' that I knew she was in the room. I confess I trembled as I turned and took the hand of—"

Allyn stopped and smiled. It was a half sad, half amused, wholly inscrutable smile. My sewing had fallen into my lap, and I leaned forward listening breathlessly.

"The hand of the original of the picture. These eyes, this mouth, this delicate complexion, this same soft curling hair. I was looking on it all, the same but—"

Allyn raised his eyes. The amusement had faded away.

"The hair was snowy white, and the skin was wrinkled. Hers was indeed the face of the miniature, the face of 50 years ago. My foolish fancy was destroyed, but in its place came the sweetest little white haired lady that man was ever privileged to call friend. And this miniature! Some way I had a strange reluctance to part with it, and so here it is with me now. That is all," concluded Allyn abruptly.

"That is enough," I said quietly. "I think that face has stood between you and—"

Allyn broke in hastily:

"Oh, that is nothing. I couldn't carry this," holding up the photograph, "into such places as I had been frequenting, and so—well, it's all right."

Allyn buttoned up his coat and smiled at me frankly as he went out by way of the office door.

The doctor has always said there was the making of a man in that boy.

Some Simple Remedies.

In one of the United States health reports published in Washington a few simple remedies for emergency uses are suggested. Witch hazel is one and is recommended as one of the quickest soothers and restorers of a red brain.

Bathe the eyes and forehead freely with the liquid and apply a cloth wet with it at the back of the neck.

Cloths wet in a strong solution of borax water are very cool and healing in case of a burn; care should be taken, however, to exclude the air in putting them on.

A tiny pinch of powdered borax placed on the tongue and allowed to dissolve slowly will almost instantly stop a hacking, irritating cough that may be disturbing one at night. The same treatment relieves an ulcer in the throat, and at the slightest irritation or soreness of the throat a gargle of salt water and borax will be found efficient.

Learning a Language.

How is it that Englishmen are not the best linguists in Europe? Simply and solely because of the general and absurd "deaf and dumb" method of studying foreign languages. Foreigners learning English know better than to waste years over books; they simply "chatter" and learn one word and expression after another, and become familiar with them by constant repetition, with the result that in a few months they can speak and write our language sufficiently well for all practical purposes.—London Mail.

A Submerged Forest.

There is a submerged forest on the Columbia river between the Dalles and the Cascade mountains. According to Mr. G. K. Gilbert, the submergence took place 350 years ago, and since then the roots have been under water, while the upper parts of the trunks have been bared yearly at low water. The bark is gone and the wood partly wasted away, but some of it is firm and looks fresh. This fact seems owing to the durable quality of the wood of that species—namely, the Psuedotsuga douglasii.

BRITISH POLITICS.

Mr. Chamberlain Says There are Worse Men Than Kruger

And They are not in South Africa—Campaign Drawing Near.

London, Sept. 27.—Mr. Goschen is said to be fully resolved to relinquish his post at the admiralty, but he announces through the Daily Mail that his retirement is in no way due to any difference with his colleagues with whom, he says, he has not ceased to be in entire accord.

Herbert Gladstone, speaking last evening at Leeds, hinted that Lord Salisbury would retire after the elections and that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach would relinquish the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. Other speeches yesterday were made by Mr. Chamberlain at Oldham, A. J. Balfour at Manchester, Sir William Vernon Harcourt at Ebbw Vale, and George Wyndham at Dover.

Mr. Chamberlain, attacking the so-called Liberal-Imperialists, said that not a single man of them from Lord Rosebery downward had ever uttered a word to help the government or to suggest that there were people in England upon whom the guilt of the war fell as heavily as upon Mr. Kruger.

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt twitted Mr. Chamberlain with being for the first time without a program, declaring that the Colonial Secretary "had gone out of the secret promise business and taken up the pursuit of war."

Mr. Wyndham referred to the fact that the government was spending £7,000,000 on coast defences which it would take two years to complete. He said it would be dangerous to return the Liberals to power, as they had always neglected such works.

The Northampton Liberals have invited Mr. Henry Labouchere to stand for re-election.

TO REMOVE STAINS

Painters Which Will Tell You How to Take Out All Kinds.

MILDEW, iron rust and grease spots are persistent worries in summer time to the careful mother. Rub mildew spots with well with lemon juice and salt and expose to a hot sun. The most delicate fabric will be unharmed. The spots will disappear.

For removing grease spots take equal parts of strong ammonia, water, ether and alcohol. To prevent the ring forming about the cleaned spot rub with a cloth slightly dampened with the solution. In other words, rub out the ring. If the cloth is too wet it will only make another one.

Ink spots should be attended to before they dry to save the garment. Sponge with milk until all the ink is removed, and then the sponge with benzine to take out the grease left by the milk. Ink spots can be removed from goods of which the color will not run by applying salts of lemon.

When varnish gets on any garment the cleansing should be done as soon as possible. Wet the varnish thoroughly with alcohol two or three times, then sponge off with a clean cloth. If the color has been affected the material should be sponged with chloroform, unless the color is blue. Then vinegar or acetic acid should be used instead of chloroform. Both of these are hard on the hands and should be used with caution. Muddy spots on white dresses may be removed by washing in a solution of carbonate of soda in water. Lay the soiled part on a cloth and sponge well.

One often notices on new linen yellow stains left by the sewing machine. Such garments should not be put into the wash until the spots have been well rubbed with liquid ammonia. Repeated applications of fresh lard or butter will come as near as anything to removing tar, though a spot is almost always permanent.

Linens are continually in danger of iron-rust, and unless such spots are attended to at once there is little hope of removing them. Soak the spot well, as if for general washing, pass a hot iron over a wet cloth, and when the latter is wet put it under the soiled garment. Then on the upper side of the goods rub a little oxalic acid where the spots show. The action of the acid is hastened by the heat and the moisture. The rust disappears. Then the whole garment should be washed with soap.

Put on woolen clothing may sometimes be removed by rubbing the spot with the same cloth. It is supposed that the paint disappears in the fuzz produced by the rubbing. If this is not successful try turpentine.

Blood stains are about as difficult as any to get away. Here starch comes into use. Make a thin paste and spread on the stain. Leave it to dry. Then brush off. Generally the stain will go with the starch. The worst stains, however, will require several applications of the starch.

A poor ironer is one of the great trials of housekeeping. Scorched clothes are often discarded as hopeless, but if not too much burned may be made all right by the patient use of onion juice. Bake the onion, and squeeze out the juice. Mix it with an ounce of fuller's earth, a little spread of soap and a wineglassful of vinegar. Heat the mixture till the soap is dissolved. Rub it well over the scorched place, leave to dry and then put the garment in the regular washing.

It is sometimes difficult to remove large coffee stains. First pour boiling water through the stain, then dip the spot in strong ammonia water, rinse in cold water, and put out in the sun to bleach. For tea stains nothing is needed but plain water.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

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BRITISH POLITICS.

PERSONALITIES.

One of Admiral Sampson's biographers says that when a boy he never played or sought amusement.

Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, is the only regular physician in the United States senate. Mr. Kyle, of South Dakota, is the only preacher.

The most constant companion of General Nelson A. Miles is his Gordon setter Rex. The general is very fond of him and the dog is most intelligent.

Henry Labouchere is described as careless and untidy in dress and a smoker of poor cigarettes. He is fond of home life, and devoted to his wife and daughter.

Governor Sadler, of Nevada, wears an 18½ collar and gloves and boots to correspond. These, as well as his hats, are made to his special order by Chicago concerns.

Senator Platt, of New York, reads all the newspapers on which he can lay hands and has several shelves of scrapbooks filled with clippings dealing with his own career.

Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, votes louder than any other member of congress. He has a voice like a callopine, and the clerk of the house has never been compelled to call his name twice.

Governor Sayers, of Texas, is fond of deep sea fishing. He is a frequent visitor at Rockport, on the gulf coast of Texas, and a famous resort for fishermen. The governor holds the record for big tarpon.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, is a strong believer in a diet which he himself devised. His breakfast never varies. It is always eaten at 8 o'clock, and invariably consists of one cup of black coffee and a large piece of cinnamon bun.

Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, has a warm place in the hearts of church going people of his state. He is an Episcopalian himself, but tolerant of all creeds and denominations and gives much of his time and thought to religious work.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has the religious characteristic of the family, and, as are his sisters, is a Sunday school teacher in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York. He has a class of 38, and in the three years he has been a teacher has missed not more than three or four Sundays.

The next generation will see the Gould fortune pretty well cut up, there being so many heirs. The richest of these will be Kingdon, George Gould's eldest child. His father is rated at \$70,000,000. Kingdon, though a mere child, speaks German and French, and has picked up a surprising knowledge of yachting.

WEDDING SUPERSTITIONS.

The bride who finds a spider on her wedding dress may consider herself blessed.

The bride who dreams of fairies the night before her marriage will be thrice blessed.

If the bridegroom carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket he will always have good luck.

Ship marriages are considered anything but lucky. Get married on land, or don't get married at all.

No bride or groom should be given a telegram while on the way to church. It is positively a sign of evil.

If the wedding ring be dropped during the ceremony the bride may as well wish herself unborn, for she will always have ill luck.

Kiss a bride after the ceremony, and before the newly made husband has a chance to do so, and you will have excellent luck throughout the year.

Maidens eager to wed should give dishwater heated to the boiling point a wide berth. It means that they will not marry for a long time if they attempt to cleanse dishes in water so hot.

Should a bride perchance see a coffin while being driven to the railway station prior to departing upon her honeymoon, she should order the driver to turn back and start over again, or else she will surely meet with bad luck.

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