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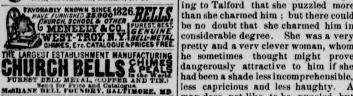
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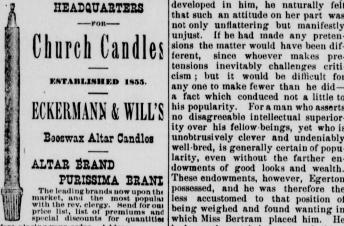


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pearance in due time, and was presented, with Mr. Egerton's compli-ments, to Mrs. and Miss Bertram as they sat at breakfast in their pleasant apartment in the neighborhood of the Parc Monceaux. The elder lady uttered an exclamation of pleasure The elder lady It chanced that the next morning, being Wednesday and therefore one of the days of the flower market of the

when she saw the lavish supply. "Oh! what lovely flowers," she said. "See, Sibyl, are they not exquisite? Our drawing-room will be like a bower to day. Mr. Egerton is certainly charming." Madeleine, Egerton was awaked by those delightful odors of which he had spoken; and in some subtle way the ragrance brought before him a fair

face with a pair of proud gray eyes, and it occurred to him that in order to make his peace with Miss Bertram it might be well to send her some of the You mean that his flowers are, said Sibyl, looking up with a smile from a little bright-eyed Skye terrier to which she was administering sugar. "But they are delicious !" she added, unable to resist their beauty as her eye Nor can it be said that this idea commended itself to him fell on them. She held out her hand for the basket and almost buried her face in the fragrant blossoms. "How I love flowers !" she said, as if to herself. "They are among the few satis factory things in life." Then, glanc factory things in life." Then, glanc-ing at her mother, she added : "This than she charmed him ; but there could be no doubt that she charmed him in is Mr. Egerton's apology for having forgotten our existence last night, pretty and a very clever woman, whom mamma.

"Forgetting an engagement which was hardly an engagement-and forgetting our existence are differhad been a shade less incomprehensible. less capricious and less haughty. A man does not like to be puzzled, but still less does he like to be treated with ent things," said her mother. "I think you are scarcely just to Mr.

scorn when in no way conscious of deserving such treatment-when, in-Egerton, Sibyl." Sibyl made a slight gesture of in difference as she put the basket down again on the table. "I do not feel deed, the world in general conveys the impression to his mind that he has a right to think very well of himself. Now, with Sibyl Bertram, Egerton had sufficient interest in him to be unjust. she said; and I am quite willing for him to forget our existence as often as frequently a sense of being weighed in the balance and found wanting ; and he likes, provided he sends such an apology as this. A basket of flowers and though vanity was not inordinately developed in him, he naturally felt that such an attitude on her part was is much better than an hour of his or any other man's society, at the opera or elsewhere.

Mrs. Bertram elevated her evebrows slightly as she looked at her daughter. sions the matter would have been dif ferent, since whoever makes pre For this young lady occasionally puz-zled her as well as other people. "It tensions inevitably challenges criticism : but it would be difficult for is not like you to effect to despise men' society," she said. any one to make fewer than he did-

"I am not affecting to despise it," answered Sibyl. "I like it very much, as you know—that is, I like the a fact which conduced not a little to A fact which conduced not a fittle to his popularity. For a man who asserts no disagreeable intellectual superior-ity over his fellow beings, yet who is unobtrusively clever and undeniably society of men of sense. But I would certainly not exchange this basket of well-bred, is generally certain of popuflowers for an hour of the society of any special man, even if he were capable of giving me a new idea— which Mr. Egerton is not." larity, even without the farther en dowments of good looks and wealth. These endowments, however, Egerton

ossessed, and he was therefore the "New ideas are not to be picked up like flowers," said Mrs. Bertram, withess accustomed to that position of being weighed and found wanting in out adding that she thought her daugh which Miss Bertram placed him. He had sometimes tried to persuade himter had already more than enough of these very objectionable articles. self that it was all mere fancy on his I confess that I do not understand why you should think so poorly of Mr. Egerton. I do not pretend to be in-tellectual, but he has always struck part ; but there had been times when the language of the gray eyes was too plain to be mistaken, when he had felt himself looked through and me as very clever as well as very pleasthrough, and judged to be a very inant.

"He is clever enough, I believe said Sibyl carelessly-"that is, he is But if the daughter was disdainful a man of culture ; but he always gives and incomprehensible, the mother was always cordial and agreeable, with a me the impression of a man who lives peculiar charm and warmth of manner which had more than once suggested merely on the surface of life. He does not think sufficiently of any new ideas, or if he has them he does not the thought to Egerton that she too perceived, and wished to make amends take the trouble to impart them.' for, her daughter's hard judgment.

"you "But," said the elder lady, do not intend to demand of all your acquaintances that they shall have new ideas to impart to you? Because if so-

so eligible; but it has already been said that he was not greatly afflicted with vanity, and it may be added that he was not at all afflicted with the "I shall certainly be disappointed," said Miss Bertram with a laugh. "No, do not be afraid. I have not quite lost my senses. But the general dearth of ideas only makes me more grateful civility. Instead of suspecting that to those who have some ; and, now that Mrs. Bertram wished to entrap him as I think of it, Mr. Egerton has probably a suitor for her daughter, he felt begun to realize his deficiency, for he simply grateful for an unvarying remarked last night that it was in search of something of the kind that he had gone to the Socialist meeting in with that young lady's exceedingly Montmartre." variable manner; and it was the thought of the mother rather more

"A most extraordinary

girls and would accept the fortune placed before her. But it was now plain that this castle in the air would never be realized on the solid earth ; and, with another sigh, she took up the flowers and carried them away. They were filling the salon with their fragrance when Egerton entered

it late in the afternoon of the same day. A glow of golden sunset light was also filling it and bringing out all the harmonious tints of the hangings and furniture ; for this room was not in the least like an ordinary

Parisian apartment, but had been the home of the Bertrams long enough for them to impress a very distinctive character upon it. Needless to say this character was asthetic in the highest degree, for a young lady so devoted to new ideas as Miss Bertran was not likely to follow other than the latest light in decorative art. Then, too, the mother and daugher had travelled much and had gathered in numerous places many curious and pretty things. All of these — the richly mingled colors of Eastern stuffs picked up in Algerian and Moorish bazaars ; the gleaming crystal frames of Venetian mirrors, with their suggestions of the deep canals and the green sea-water; the beautiful woodcarving of Tyrolean villagers, the rich hues of old Spanish leather, with pictures and china, quaint screens and peacock fans-all made, it seemed to Egerton, a very suitable back groud for Sibyl Bertram's presence And although when she went out she was Parisian in her toilette from her hat to her boots, she had a fashion, when she received her friends at home, of arraying herself in a different manner. It was not that extreme artistic dressing which originated in London, and with which (through caricatures at least) the eyes of all the world are familiar now. Like most American women, Sibyl had too much good taste to make herself æsthetically ridiculous; but she struck a medium of graceful picturesqueness which suited her admirably.

For she was not in the least a line and measure beauty. The brilliant, changing face could not be judged by any acknowledged standard, but the charm of it was so great that few people were inclined to judge it at all. The pellucid skin; the perfectly shaped if rather large mouth; the luminous gray eyes, which brightened and darkened with every passing thought; and the broad, fair brow, and darkened from which thick, soft masses of bronze-brown hair waved, made up a whole which to the modern taste was more attractive than classic loveliness The gift of expression was hers also in remarkable degree, and when she spoke with any earnestness her voice had tones of wonderful sweetness.

On this afternoon she wore as usual when at home, a dress more fanciful than fashionable. It was a black brocaded silk of softest, richest fabric, cut in simple but beautiful lines, slashed here and there to introduce a trimming of old gold, which also appeared in the puff that headed the sleeves, which otherwise fitted the arms tightly until they terminated in a fall of rich yellow lace below the elbow. The square-cut neck, out of which the white, columnar throat rose, also sur rounded with this lace, and a cluster of deep yellow roses was fastened in front It was on this charming figure that Egerton's glance fell when he first en tered the room, though she was standing at some distance from him, talking Mr. Talford, while a slanting stream of sunshine touched her hair, and also brought out the strange, deep harmonies of form and tint in a Japanese screen behind her.

since we went into apartments? The doctors decided that mamma must re main here for some months, so papa telegraphed to Cousin Duke to settle us comfortably, and he has put us into an apartment, with servants to look after, which I consider a nuisance.

"It is probably quieter and better for Mrs. Dorrance, though," said Eger-ton. "I hope that her health has improved ?'

"Oh ! very much. She is able to take a short drive every afternoon. She is in the Bois now — at least she was to send the carriage for me when she returned, and it has not yet arrived.'

At this moment, however, a servant entered — a pratty, white-capped maid — who, while she presented Egerton with a cup of tea, announced to Miss At this the young lady rose and, with a rustle of silk, crossed the floor to where Sibyl stood, still talking to Mr. Talford.

"Good-by, my dear," she said. must run away now. Do come to see us soon. You know mamma always enjoys your visits so much. Cousin

Duke, are you coming with me?" Mr. Talford signified that he was, saying with a smile: "Miss Bertram will have no more attention to bostow upon me, since here is Egerton, who can tell her, on the best authority, all about the next revolution."

"Are you interested in revolutions, Sibyl ?" inquired Miss Dorrance, opening her eyes a little.

"Immensely," answered Sibyl, with her slightly mocking accent. Then, as Egerton drew near, she held out her hand to him with a very graceful show of cordiality. "And what does Mr. Egerton know

about them ?" pursued Miss Dorrance. "I should not think it was the kind of thing he was likely to be interested

"Your penetration in judging character does you infinite credit, my dear Miss Dorrance," said Egerton ; "but it is something which may before long concern us all so closely that I am only, like a wise man, trying to gain some idea of the nature of the coming storm

"I hope that you will give your friends the benefit of your information, then," she said, "so that they can get away in time. But I do hope we will be able to finish the present season. Everything is charming in Paris just

"'As far as my means of information will allow me to speak," said Egerton, "I think I can assure you that you will at least be able to finish your spring shopping before milliners and modistes are whelmed.

"They never will be," said she with confidence. "If there were a revolution to-morrow I am sure that Paris would set the fashion for the world the

day after." "That is very true," said Egerton. "But it might be the fashion of the bonnet rouge. TO BE CONTINUED.

A BIGOT REBUKED.

It is easy to excuse ignorance and mistakes of judgment, to make allowance for prejudice and narrowness but uncharitableness, especially in pro lessing Christians, is altogether inexcusable. A man of good heart is never at real fault. Whatever else he may cusable. lack, he is never wanting in love. a man of little heart and small soul— whom the New York Sun rebukes in the following editorial paragraph :

"The self sacrificing Catholic Sis-ters who collect alms for charitable uses not to be spoken of

ABLE DEFENDERS OF CATHO. LICITY.

Educated men of all Christian denominations are coming closer together every day in sentiment and purpose. It is the ignorant and the fanatical mong the Protestant sects, and they alone, who seek to perpetuate religious strife and bitterness. At a meeting of representative Protestants, divines and laymen, held last Tuesday in Greenfield, religious proscription was bitterly denounced by President L. Clark Seelye of Smith College, and by

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Dr. Briggs, the famous Presbyterian "heretic." When two prominent educators like these-two profound and progressive thinkers—unite to defend the Catholic Church against calumny and slander, there is reason to hope for a broader feeling of tolerance among Christian bodies in the near future.

Dr. Briggs made a strong plea for Christian unity. He said the Catholic Church was in favor of it; her Cardinals, Catholic her Archbishops, Bishops, and priests, were in favor of it. "There is nothing in the New Testament," said the great Presbyterian theologian, "that pre-vents all of us from coming together. For some years I have agreed with the authorities of the Catholic Church to a certain extent in the interpretation that they place upon the words : 'Upon this rock will I build my Church.' Peter was the first Christian to be put in place after Christ. Others follow after. Many of the terms in the Testaments are really synonymous. They all teach Christian unity. How much intolerance and bigotry there has been in all churches! Look at the Puritans in this state. They had no tolerance even for the meek and lowly Quakers. There is much intolerance at the present. There must be freedom for thought.'

The Roman Catholic Church, according to Dr. Briggs, is more tolerant than any Protestant Church. The learned doctor is a competent witness upon this point. Dr. McGlynn's case was cited as the best evidence that could be submitted so prove his pro-position. That case was settled in Rome according to the principles of equity and Christian toleration. The doctor criticised severely the waste of endeavor in Protestant circles in main taining so many isms, sects and subdivisions based upon purely human interpretations of scriptural passages. "The statistics of our Protestant churches," he said, "are startling. They show that if the same management is followed bankruptcy is in-The average number of evitable. communicants to each Roman Catholic clergyman in this country is 685, to the Protestant clerygman 142. I confidently assert that we can spare 50,-000 out of our 99,000 clerygmen, and still do better work than we are doing now, if we can only get nearer Chris tian unity. Of course, out of this 50-000 we should dismiss the ignorant, the weak and the lazy. There is an ample field for those who can do good work in the missions of Asia and

Africa. There are on the average 709 communicants in every Roman Catholic caurch in this country, and only 105 in the Protestant. Of the \$549,000,000 invested in Protestant churches in this country, we can well spare, at least, \$200,000,000, if we can have Christian unity. Let us treat this as a practical question and labor for it." The Protestant bodies hereabout

could easily spare some of their preachers if the elimination proposed by Dr. Briggs were undertaken. They might dismiss without loss such insane bigots and anti Catholic ranters as Dr. Miner ; Brady, the pugilistic parson of the People's Church or A. P.

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than of the daughter which finally defor them," said Mrs. Bertram. cided him to send the flowers, especicannot understand such a freak in a man of sense-and that Mr. Egerton ally when he remembered that it was So a basket of cut flowers, freshly 18.

"Oh ! he went, no doubt, from "I fancy mere curiosity," said Sibyl. "I fancy it is that and the necessity to kill time which take him to most places. But how a man can lead such a life," she added with sudden enorgy, "in a world where there is so much to be "in a thought and said and done, I confess ware. that I cannot understand !'

"What do you expect him to do?" asked her mother. asked her mother. "You know he inherited a large fortune ; why should he, therefore, trouble himself with business?'

That is the one idea which an American has of doing something— making money," said Sibyl. "For-give me, mamma, but do you really think there is nothing else to be done -nothing better worth doing ?"

"Of course I do not think so; of course I know that there are many things better worth doing," said Mrs. Bertram, though she lid not specify what these things were; "but I do not see what you can expect a young man like Mr. Egerton to do except amuse himself, for a time at least.

"That is just the point," returned the young lady calmly. "I do not in the least expect him to do anything else. I am quite sure that he will never do anything else. Here, Fluff do you want another lump of sugar? Fluff replied, with a short bark one or two eager bounds, that he did want it, and Mrs. Bertram abandoned the subject of Egerton and his real or quite certain one could not have everything, but that she should have been glad if Sibyl had been a little less original. Though far from being herself the scheming mother common in fiction and not wholly unknown in real life, she had more than once thought what a pleasant and satis-Sibyl, and if Sibyl were like other

It was Mrs. Bertram who, at his en trance, rose from the sofa where she was sitting and came forward to receive him with her usual cordial graciousnes

"I have hoped that you would not forget us to day," she said. "I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you I want to sent. See ! they welcome you," she added, with a smile, motioning to a table which bore part of them arranged in some graceful vases of Vallauris

Egerton replied to the effect that he was delighted if the flowers gave her pleasure, but he wished to himself that, instead of fragrant lilies of thevalley and delicate white and pinktinted roses, he had chosen such golden-hearted ones as those which Miss Bertram wore. "But perhaps she would not have worn them if I had sent them," he thought. He followed Mrs. Bertram to the sofa

where she had been sitting, and shook hands with the elderly lady — a mem-ber of the American colony, whom he knew well-to whom she had been talking. A pretty, blonde young lady who sat in a low chair near by, drink ing a cup of tea and chattering volubly to a young man who stood before her, also held out her hand to him.

"How do you do, Mr. Egerton ?" she said. "I have not seen you in an age. Why do us nowadays?' Why do you never come to see

"My dear Miss Dorrance, why are ar?" you never at home when I do myself and that honor?" he replied.

"Because you do not come at the right time, I presume," she answered. 'But, indeed that is the case with so imaginary shortcomings, saying to herself, with a slight sigh, that it was on a reception day. It did not seem worth while when we first arrived in

"You are very good ; I shall certhought what a pleasant and satis-factory son-in-law Egerton would And you are still at the Hotel du make if he would fall in love with Rhin?"

fully by our Baptist contemporary, the Christian Inquirer. It is a shame to call them beggars. They are no more beggars than are those Baptist minis ters who solicit money or take up collections for their own support. Through the humble labors of these pious and worthy women hospitals are supported, suffering is alleviated, chil dren are educated, and the helpless poor are comforted. Not for themselves do they ask alms, but for the afflicted in whose service they spend their blessed lives. They give to many people the opportunity to make small contributions which they would not otherwise have the opportunity of mak-ing. They touch the heart where other means of touching it would fail. These meek Sisters give lessons in charity and devotion which strike the innermost chords of the soul. Their penignant presence is ever welcome in thousands of the business places and households of the city. All honor be to these good and grand women, the

merits of whom are known in heaven !' A much-esteemed contemporary in a recent issue animadverted on our frequent praise of what we consider the greatest and best of American newspapers. For the political preferences of the Sun we care nothing, but its broad-mindedness and large heartedness, of which the above cited extract is proof, ought to be admired by everyone.-Ave Maria.

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President Seelye said in introducing Dr. Briggs: "There has been no time when we could look forward to Christian unity with more hope and confidence than to day. Many of us have read the recent encyclical of the Pope. All of us could see much to commend in it. He stretched out to us a friendly hand, and we were able to return it. The leaders of thought in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches are taking the hands of each other in friendly grasp. Not for centuries have we stood so near each other in unity of thought and purpose as we do to-day. The time is coming when we may each approve of what the other does. I notice a dis-position of late to revive for political purposes the animosities that once existed between the Roman Catholics and the Protestants. I am earnestly opposed to such a revival. I trust that no secret society shall have power to widen the differences that still exist between the two churches.

Contrast these noble, Christian utter ances with the foul, brutal, slanderous language used by Dr. Miner, Parson Brady and chameleon Dunn. The former represent the spirit of Christ; the latter represent the diabolical purposes and aims of the arch-fiend of darkness. The former stand for Christian charity, Christian progress and unity ; the latter stand for hate, bigotry and un Christian ignorance and intolerance. The Catholic Church will, ere long, embrace in her fold the men who follow Seelye and Briggs, while the scum represented by the fanatics will be all that is left in Protestantism. - Boston Republic.

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