

on flame, the cheek in flower, Canova would never have dreamed that meaner model, that type less complete which he has embodied in his still incomparable Psyche!

"Ah! the same; and yet not the same!" said the lone man, and the words dropped softly, as in a reverie. "Thus must have looked my Angélique in her girlish timidity, ere she ripened into the fulness of womanly charm that it still warms my heart to recall. Bring her hither, my son, and present me."

On Calvert's leading forward and introducing the blushing girl, it was with the courtly grace of the Old School, and with a fatherly tenderness new to his wondering son, he first lifted her fingers to his quivering lip, and then softly rested his hand on her bowed head and wealth of flaxen curls, and his lips moved in a silent benediction.

"Forgive a sick man's fancy, but the blessing can never harm you of one who sees in you more than he had ever thought to behold again, till the pearly gates unfolding would show him his lost treasure, who, once a saint on earth, is now an angel in heaven."

With kindly courtesy he acknowledged the respectful greeting of Harvey,—detained the maiden by his side, and listened with marked pleasure to the sweet tones of her voice, as she mingled in the lively conversation that the American adroitly started to ward off any unpleasant revelations as to the cause of their abrupt appearance at the Hall.

The dinner bell sounding, put an end to the interview; and with a smile on his face, the lord of the mansion turned on his pillow to dream anew of his glorified Angélique.

CHAPTER XII.

THAT was an evil face, and a bitter, had any one chanced to observe it, that peered in furtively from the shadows of the corridor into the Colonel's chamber, as the scene we have described was in progress.

It was the Frenchman's.

As he moved off warily, and turned into his sister's apartment, his countenance, instead of its usual jaunty air of assurance, wore a look of such genuine alarm, that Marie instantly divined some new complication, adverse to their interests.

He did not long leave her in doubt, but burst forth —