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LADY HENRY IRVING. THE WIFE OF THE GREAT ACTOR—HER MODEST HOME.

Is Not a New Woman—How She Came to Appear in Amateur Theatricals—Her Sons and Their Ambitions.

When the Queen tapped Henry Irving on the shoulder, saying, "Arise, Sir Henry," she conferred a title, says a writer in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, upon more than the man who knelt before her; for, living snugly in London, in a very neat cottage, there is a Mrs. Henry Irving, a tall, slender, serious-faced woman, who must heretofore be known as "My Lady."

To Lady Irving's little cottage I bent my footsteps the other day in answer to a card which told me that I would find her at home and ready to see me that day at noon.

"My Lady Irving is tying up her rose bushes in the court yard," said a neatly dressed maid servant to whom I handed my card of appointment. The maid servant was evidently on the lookout for me, for she stood at the entrance of the little "yard" looking toward the Peham road, by which it came to be punctual in my call. Her ladyship is the absent of individuals, and among the least reliable when interviewing for a public purpose is concerned, and I expected disappointment.

"You want to talk to me," she asked timidly, "about?"

"About yourself, Lady Irving. About your home, your sons, your life, and your amusements, for you must not think you can escape the glare of a titled existence."

Her ladyship nodded and led the way through the rose arch into the "pretty cottage. And then I noticed how very tall she is. Taller I should say than Ellen Terry when she does Portia, and more slender than Terry's daughter. Mrs. Henry Irving is a woman of fine build, and the fact that though so tall she appeared like a woman of moderate height, as she glided before me, spoke of much grace. But her manner is what I should call "home grace," for there is not a suspicion of anything studied about her, nor ought to be the commonest of naturalness.

"My little establishment," said she, bidding me seat myself at the window, which overlooked the flower yard, "is such a modest one that I do not see what you can want to say about it. No, I do not entertain, nor do I go a great deal in society, except for charity."

And then for an hour I chatted with her, managing to find out considerable of her individuality without being told much by her own lips. For one thing I ascertained that her household consists of herself and a very lovely gray-haired mother, and two sons. "Come here, mother," she called into another room, which was completely flooded with cool, English sunshine, "and tell my visitor about the pets."

A very sweet-faced old lady, not so tall as her daughter, came into the room, carrying upon her arm a great drab dove with white wings. "This is Larry, named for my grandson," she said, "and I might show you Alba if she were here, but she has flown away."

"Alba is named for Mrs. Alhani, our near neighbor," explained Lady Irving. "Mrs. Alhani and I are dear friends. In private life, you know, her name is Gye. There is scarcely a day that we do not see each other."

"About my acting? Now, that is really funny, for I am not an actress, and have no liking for the stage, yet I find myself herded everywhere as about to go on the stage. I will tell you how the rumor originated. One day last winter my friend Mrs. Alhani came to me and said: 'My dear Mrs. Irving, I have a very great favor to ask of you, and I am going to make you promise beforehand that you will not refuse.'

"I am going to sing and you are to act. I think I shall give you Pauline in 'Lady of Lyons,' or Ophelia, or something else as good."

"It did not seem at all good to me, but I had accepted and could not break my word. We made a great deal of money, as many bought tickets at high prices, but I got no fondness for the stage from it."

Before I left I had found out that Lady Irving has a great admiration for her talented husband, who provides for her with much liberality, her anxiety being sufficient to support her in luxury and enable her to provide for relatives and entertain such friends as she sees fit. "He is the cleverest of men," she declared enthusiastically. "But their lives actually are agreeable, as Lady Irving shrinks unspcakably from the publicity of Sir Henry's life, and the latter would die in the confines of the little Peham road cottage with its simplicity, its roses and its quiet. The whole cottage could be placed easily in the private suite of rooms of his town house."

The call was only an hour long, but during that time there were many pulls at the court-yard bell, and I saw many ladies drive up and drive away. For Lady Irving is not a woman who would be so inconsiderate as to cut short a promised interview. That the calls were calls of congratulation learned from the tokens and messages that lay scattered around, some of which were thrown into my lap by Lady Irving in answer to my questions. "Have you been often congratulated upon your new title?"

"I have many friends," said she, "for my life, though a quiet one, is only in comparison. I receive upward of ten callers a day and always drive out in the afternoon accompanied by one of my sons. They are men now and the eldest has taken to the stage. Do you approve? That I am not willing to answer. If, as a profession, it brings honor, wealth, distinction and happiness, it is not for a weak-minded woman to clamor against it."

"Why do I not go into the vortex of public life and allow myself to become accustomed to it? Ah, there you have touched a chord so tender that it breaks at a breath. Have you ever asked the sensitive part why it does not dare to petals like the tiger lily, and remain open in spite of everything? That is all the answer I can make. I cannot—positively cannot. Publicity, the mingling with the world, the dances, the opera, balls and great dinners give me the headache, because I see I am not a part of them. I have not the word to say at them. But at home here with my books—there is hardly a printed book, I think, that does not reach me—and with my music and my pets and mother I am happy."

"Shall you ever visit America, Lady Irving?"

"No," and here Lady Irving's serious face relaxed into a smile for the only time during the hour's talk, "because you would make a public woman of me. No, I shall never visit America, though I should love to see its tall steeples, its palms, its forests, and your great Yellowstone Park. But I shall never go over. I am sure of that. In America you think people and show them with courtesies of such great sincerity and kindness that they cannot decline, and I should die of fatigue. If we ever go, mother and I, we shall travel incognito, not as titled ladies, and I am sure we shall see more of you and your splendid institutions than all the great visiting foreigners have done."

We had risen and moved toward the door, and as Lady Irving opened it for me, she held out her hand for a hand grasp. I noticed for the first time the only jewel she wore. It was a splendid square blood-stone ring, with "Home" in a quaint characters above it and "Silence" below.

"Lady Irving is not one of the new women," I remarked inwardly as she bowed me away.

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Imports into the United Kingdom the past week: Wheat, 407,000 qrs.; maize, 173,000 qrs.; flour, 243,000 barrels. The Bank of England discount rate is firm at 3 1/4. The amount of wheat afloat to Europe is 28,000,000 bush, a decrease of 1,900,000 for the week over the amount on passage was 30,800,000 bush.

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