### Love is Specialized.

The novelist is kept hustling in his research concerning things psychical these days. A half century ago, when it was his agreeable task to portray the demeanor of a love-sick maid, and when was that not the case, we should like to know, what was his usual procedure? Didn't he seat her at a table where lay a piece of work which needed a button hole - a neat little busi-

ed a button hole — a neat little business, presupposing concentration and subversive of romance? He gets his maiden to say "Heigh ho" if she has rosy cheeks and her curls are insecurely fastened in a net; if she is a lily maid, with Cupid's bow lips, they form the more elegant expletive of "Alasl alas!" while she pushes away her work languidly.

And then this composite photograph of the novelist's women goes to her desk, where lie three unanswered letters, and she toys with her wafers and bites the nib of her quill pen in the abstraction which is incident to love. Sometimes she seizes one of these letters and presses it passionately to her lips before secreting it in her gown, as close as possible to the organ that is throbbing with the most approved sentiments of the period. Sometimes, too, a high resolve lighting her pure face, she draws toward her the silver candlestick and snuffers, her hand trembles as she lights the beautiful toy, but without shrinking she watches the black flakes fall, mourners of that happy hope that once was baby. He could note himself and the subject of the time, you see, was a baby. He could note himself and the subject of the time, you see, was a baby. He could note himself and the pure of the time to say "Health and strength go as a pair." He is a minimate this district who is a remarkable example of the adage, "Health and strength go as a pair." He is a minimate this district who is a remarkable example of the adage, "Health and strength go as a pair." He is a minimate the adage, "Health and strength go as a pair." He is a minimate to the adage, "Health and strength go as a pair." He is a minimate and lepless as a kitten.

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so far in his little go-cart, and no one expected more of him. Entrance toward the bogs or precipices of psychological investigation would have elicted shricks of horror from the fond aurses and mothers — that is to say, the readers of polite literature of that day. It was not until he grew big snough to admire Gwendolen Grand-court that he stepped out on his own little legs and told her what he thought of her.

The readers of polite literature adjusted themselves with half anxious half eager interest, ready to lift up warning fingers, and yet edified by his boldness. Long, long ago they had recognized the futility of coercing the little man, so that now they wander with him, companionably and without reproach, over the England of Thomas Hardy, and don't mind the mud that collects on their boots when they can learn something new "in Zolaland," Which excursions are pleasant enough —for the mothers and nurses. The novelist has had a hard time to make such fields traversable; nor is he content to let Gwendolen's nose turn up at the dullness and ridiculousness of men and things. He must needs push har hair back and show you the cerebral dimensions, which are all sufficient reason for her disaffection, meanwhile commenting on the softness of that hair, which has a subtler significance than merely.

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Bless your soul—any one that would be at the fatigue of holding a book demands a fullness between its covers that will leave no square inch of gray matter unexplored.

its luster to the true eyes of Evadne to the silver white which bathes the head of Balzac's saint.

We have love presented to us as a disease which is germinally present in the most enraptured lover's kiss; some I transcendentalist or other whispers his conviction that it is an essence, concentrated and precipitated fortuitously; in the most enraptured lover's kiss; some I transcendentalist or other whispers his conviction that it is an essence, concentrated and precipitated fortuitously; in the convergence of the conviction that it is an essence, concentrated and precipitated fortuitously; in the convergence of Spirit, and that his involuntary function brings exfrinsic salvation; alienists tell us dreadful things about its repression and license, and all of these have some representation in the modern novel. Oh, for the "good old times" when the lover's smile at us out of "happiness ever after;" or thrill us with the nobility of their grandiloquent renunciation, without being merely "facades of a temple" whose interior is the recondite subtlety of the modern Zeit Geist, when we could tell the plot in words of less than four syllables, albeit in many words.

In this day of effete culture not only the scribe has to open his metaphysical dictionary while he poises his pen over the well that has truth at the bottom of it, sometimes, but madam as well, his professional sine qua non, is fain to send-to the library her companion, Miss Theosophia Sophistry, Ph.D., for the volume of Hegel, Fichte, Kant or the Great Currant Magazine, without which she will not be prepared to discuss the New Novel.

And so on. Medicine is specializing—art is pulling up the rootlets of the grass blades and subjecting them te the microscope, that it may be ready to reproduce them on canvas when the multimillionaire is tired of gloating over his dollars and listlessly turns to art as being the thing nearest reachable after the unreasonable moon. Love is specializing, and so literature must specialize, too. Que vadimus!

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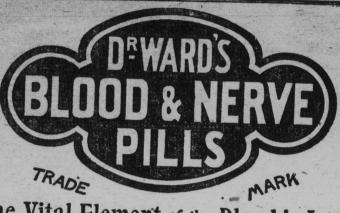
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