THE IDEALIZATION OF CAMILLE.

Or the Better Nature of a Very bad Woman.

The New York Dramatic Review contains the following letter from Modjeska:

Editor of the Dramatic Review: DEAR SIR,—In your favor of the 15th instant you ask me for my conception of the part of Camille, because my view of the character has been frequently assailed. I know that I have been accused of idealizing Camille, and it has been said that in idealize vice was to make it tempting. In fact in three fourths of the comments upon the play I read these words: Morbid, "Frenchy," false sentimentality, immoral. I deny all of these. The piece is not false; we meet similar situations at every step of our life. It is not immoral, because it preaches a truly moral and humane lesson. It is not morbid, because it presents the eternal truth that God is more relenting than man; that while He forgives and offers the sinner the opportunity to repent, to improve, society throws him off, with no other resource than the gutter or death.

It is not true that a man or woman is irreclaimably bad, because fallen; that might be a Pagan idea, but it is neither philosophical nor Christian. The greatest boon that Christendom has conferred upon a man is the conception of charity and forgiveness, which comprehends the idea of possible redemption. There is no one among us who is not conscious of faults; and yet none of us despairs of improvement. It is here that I find the beautiful idea of Camille; that of reformation by love, an idea originated, not by "Frenchy" authors, but sublimely expressed in those immortal words: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much." This is the keynote of the play, and upon it I base my conception.

In the first act I try to indicate as delicately as possible the degradation of my heroine; although the surroundings, the general situation almost suffice for this purpose. It must be remembered that Maria Duplessis, the original of Marguerite Gautier, was not at all a common courtesan. The reason of her success in the demi-monde was her innate refinement and elegance of manner. (See the opinions of Jules Janin and of the Abbe Liszt in Dumas' preface.) As the play advances and the love of Camille for Armand develops, it is only natural that her character should sustain a corresponding improvement, and that the nobler instincts of her nature should begin to be more apparent. The full nobility of her character is revealed in the third act. Her scepticism of possible redemption, as shown in the first, has disappeared; in its place has come a firm conviction that she is capable of a better life. The innate disgust for her previous course has grown to horror. At length she sees opening before her the path she had dreamt of in childhood. But in an instant all is thrown away; hope of love, hope of respect, hope of a better life—to fall back in the awful pit, the depths of which she realizes more than ever. The sacrifice she makes to insure Armand's future; it is the height of self-abnegation. If ever a sermon was read in one act, it is here.

Unfortunately, the story of Camille has frequently been represented on the stage as a vulgar tale of a cocotte, with a passing physical fancy for a handsome young fellow; this has given rise to the notion of the immorality of the play. There is, however, no story in the whole realm of fiction that could not be debased by the same methods. The sublime legend of the love of Orpheus and Euridice is nothing but a coarse, though witty, burlesque in the hands of an Offenbach. I must confess that, loving my art as I do, I prefer to follow the path where it lifts me to the higher levels of humanity, than where it leads to the slums.

Jan. 20, 1886. HELENA MODJESKA.

—Don't hawk, hawk, blow, spit, and disgust everybody with your offensive breath, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and end it.

"It's a Long Time Between Drinks."

From the New York Star.

The question as to the antinuity of the famous remark made by the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina (touching its authenticity there is no dispute) seems to be fairly settled by a recent article in the Richmond Reformer. That journal says the historic event occurred "many years ago, and after a dinner of bacon and yams the two governors lit pipes and sat in the shade of the back veranda, with a demijohn of real North Carolina corn whisky, copper-distilled, within easy reach. The conversation between the two governors was on the subject of turpentine and rice, the staples of their respective states, and the further they got into the subject the lower down they got into the jug, and the lower down they got into the jug the dryer the governor of South Carolina got, 'who,' the chronicler avers, 'was a square drinker and a warm man, with about a million pores to every square inch, which enabled him to hoist in a likely share of corn juice or other beverage, and generally always ready for more, while the governor of North Carolina was a more cautious drinker, but was mighty sure to strike bottom at about the twelfth drink.' Well, they sat and smoked and argued, and the governor of North Carolina was as hospitable as any real Southern gentleman." Then, singular to relate, the jug went dry, and it was at this moment of thirst inauspicious discovery that the governor of North Carolina made the remark which has passed into history, even while the names of the speakers, the date of their forgathering and the brand and brew of the liquor have been lost in oblivion.

Catarrh.

—Catarrh, on account of its prevalence in this country, is attracting a good deal of attention, more especially now when there is a probability of a visit from cholera, for where either is a muco-purulent discharge, such discharge forms a nidus very inviting to cholera germs, and very favorable for their reproduction in a more violent form, thus pleasing sufferers from catarrh at a great disadvantage in the event of a cholera visitation.

Catarrh is a contagious disease. It is a muco-purulent discharge, caused by the presence of a vegetable parasite in the lining membrane of the nose. These parasites reproduce themselves in great multitudes, and each generation is more virulent. They spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat, up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper function of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

The reason that catarrh has become so prevalent a disease is entirely due to the fact that it has not been understood. Physicians have been unanimous in treating it as a simple inflammation of the membrane and have signally failed to produce cures, but microscopic research has revealed the presence of the parasite, and now sufferers from this disease who appreciate the fact that it is by way of its secondary effects a most deadly one, will be glad to learn that a wonderfully successful treatment has been formulated, whereby the most aggravated cases of catarrh have been permanently cured in from one to three simple applications. The interesting pamphlet descriptive of this new treatment, from which we glean the above, is sent free to all applicants on receipt of stamp by A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada. —The Star 15

Remarkable Happenings in February.

Bayonets were invented in France in the year 1642.

A comet with many tails was discovered in 1744.

Cannonades first used in the U. S. navy in 1800.

Lead pencils first used in 1387.

New York city incorporated 1653.

First preparation of calomel 1608.

Horace Greeley born 1811.

Thomas Blanket invented the blanket in 1340.

The game of Cribbage discovered in 1604.

St. Leger stakes founded in 1778.

Bible first printed in Roman letters 1557.

Decimal arithmetic invented by Stoven 1602.

Calico printing invented in 1676.

Treaty between France and U. S. 1778.

Hat Improvement.

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A Miscellaneous Animal.

From the New York Sun. Feb. 10.

Mayor's Marshal Byrnes had a puzzling application yesterday for a dog license. The animal was an extraordinary creature, said to be a double hybrid. Its mother was a cat, its paternal grandfather was a Mexican or hairless dog, and its paternal grandmother was a rabbit. The head was that of a cat. The fore feet were like those of a dog. The tail was like a rat's. The breast and shoulders and hind feet were a rabbit's. There were a few hairs on the middle of the back and on the tail and ears. The animal was born in Covington, Ind., and is about two years old. The combined wisdom of the mayor's marshal's office concluded that the animal did not need a dog license.

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To speak of Her Majesty's household, says a London correspondent, an American lady's ignorance of its fearful and wonderful constitution led to an amusing incident the other evening at a West End reception. "Who is that well-dressed woman with the diamonds in her hair?" asked the new arrival.

"Do you mean that lady in plain plush and cream colored lace?"

"Yes."

"Oh, that's one of the Queen's bedchamber women."

"Who?" almost screamed the fair Bostonian as if she could scarcely believe her ears. Her companion repeated his words.

"Well," cried the lady, disgustedly gathering up her skirts; "whether she belongs to the Queen or any one else makes no difference. I don't come to Europe to hobnob with chambermaids. Give me your arm. I'll thank you to call my carriage."

To attempt to explain was useless. She refused to listen, and drove off boiling over with rage, at the contamination to which she had been subjected.

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A Good Scheme.

From the New York Sun.

Customer (to drug clerk compounding a prescription)—Fine weather we're having?

Drug clerk—Um.

Customer—Feels a little like snow?

Drug clerk—Um.

Customer—Drug business pretty lively?

Drug Clerk—Um-um.

Customer—What's the matter with you, got a pain?

Drug Clerk (pointing to a sign)—Read that, sir.

Customer (reading the sign)—"Silence—insures—accuracy." Um.

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From the Chicago News.

"I see Edison, the inventor, is going to be married."

"Is he? Good! I'm glad of that."

"What interest have you in it?"

"Well, you see, I've been afraid he would invent some confounded electric contrivance by which a woman could tell just how long her husband had carried her letters in his pocket or some foolish thing of that sort. But, of course, if he's going to be married——"

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Manager—"Hamlet."

Saloon Keeper—How many acts vas dot "Hamlet?"

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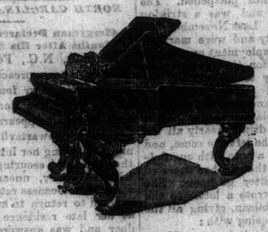

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