

AT THE GATES.

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The day was close and hot. The little pine house was better than even the day warranted. A short distance down the slope, with a moment of taking breath and several moments of dull roaring, the great sawmill was devouring huge tree trunks which went in brown and smooth and were presently carried off as boards and stacked on the lumber piles. By the side of the sawmill was a shingle mill which was devouring cypress logs with a constant reiterated whine, as of some tortured animal.

Bessie Cramer passed a moment before the window to press her hands against her throbbing temples. The whine and the roar seemed to strike against her brain, through the shimmering heat, and to make her dull and weary. A few months ago she and Paul had come there, and she had been so jubilant over the tiny home of her own, where she would begin playing at keeping house; but now she pressed her hands against her temples and wondered how long she could endure it without going mad.

Just a few moments ago Carroll Hynes, the owner of the mill, had passed by and seen the pale little face at the window, and had paused almost tempted to go in. But he had not the temptation away and had merely nodded and waved his hand toward her and came on down to the mill, feeling her eyes were upon him all the way. Somehow, he thought she was not quite so happy as she had been.

She stood there, her eyes fixed on two figures that had just cut down the road toward the mill. She had watched them most very often before at that hour. One of them was her husband, Paul Cramer, coming home to his lunch, and the other was Alice Marshall, who taught some of the millmen's children in the little log school house. She was going home to lunch, too—though this was not her nearest way.

She saw what Paul was carrying in his hand. It was a little bunch of wild flowers, Alice had reached out for it, and his hand had not been half-way. She was pinning them on her dress.

Bessie went back to the hot stove and stood there helplessly. And after a little Paul came in. He was whistling. He paused, half inside the room.

"What's not ready yet?" he asked. "Well, there's a corker wait. My time's almost out now. I wish you could get to having lunch at the hour. It seems to me it would be just as easy."

"You had time enough for Alice," said the pale girl at the stove. "Now give a little time to me."

His face reddened. "That's a strange thing for you to say," he said. "A man may surely speak to a girl without being called to account for it. And I think he will, too—especially if he gets such a welcome as this when he comes home."

And, having said the bitterest thing he knew how to say, he walked out to the house and back to the mill, feeling virtuously that he did well to be angry.

Carroll Hynes, whom nothing escaped, saw him come back within a few minutes after he had parted from Alice, and noted the cloud on his brow. For a little while the owner wandered about the mill, looking into obscure corners of machinery, as though he expected to find the solution of all possible problems there. He did not find them, but perhaps there was another way. He cautioned Paul to look after the mill and started down the slope and plunged into the deeper woods. When he was fairly out of sight he circled around and came up to the little house from the opposite side. A white-faced girl was sitting in the door.

"I stopped in to get a drink of water, Bessie," he said, awkwardly, and with a guilty look that would have betrayed him if he had cared to notice how he looked. It had been one of the burdens of his life that it was he who looked guilty for other people's misdeeds.

"You've been crying, Bessie," he remarked, sturdily. "You've had some trouble with Paul—I saw that from the way he came straight back to the mill. Now, if I were you, I wouldn't be childish."

"That's it, Carroll," she cried, with eager loyalty. "I was very childish and very unreasonable. It was about Alice—as though a man must be put into chains because he happens to have a wife! And Alice is such a lovely girl!"

"And you are such a little goose," he said, genially, smiling upon her. "As though we don't all know that Paul is a regular foolish young lover about his wife. Why, if we talk to him, or allow him to talk, he cannot get off the one subject—always Bessie, Bessie!"

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RARE LETTERS SOLD. At Boston Sale Celebrated People's Autographs Sold for Good Prices.

At the continued sale of the autographs in the collection of the late Frederick W. French, at Libby's today, says the Boston Transcript of May 3, a letter of Edgar Allan Poe brought the high price of the morning, \$50. It was a personal letter to a friend, speaking with great bitterness of Thomas Dun English and of Robert Tyler. The letter was bought upon the order of a New York dealer.

Another letter which brought the same price was also bought for New York account. This was of John Hancock, and was to the board of war of the state of Massachusetts, in respect to "Clothing furnished for the Carolina negroes." The letter was in perfect condition, and was written from Castle Island, Nov. 5, 1773.

Some of the letters brought very good prices, running higher, as a rule, than those of the dramatic list. A fine letter of Charles Lamb to Miss Betham, speaking of his sister, was sold for \$38 to a New York dealer. Another of Lamb's letters, to Mr. Oliver, wishing to have MSS. returned to him that he might "convert them into cash," brought \$28.

A letter of Longfellow to T. M. Howell, giving an account of the writing of "Excelsior," with cuttings and illustrations, was sold for \$22. Another one, to Bayard Taylor in regard to a new translation of "Faust," was bought by Goodspeed's of this city for \$10.25. Two other letters of Longfellow were sold.

One of the letters brought \$18, and was written in pencil, sold for \$18. Another, written in pencil, signed by Maria Clemm, Poe's mother-in-law, brought \$25, and a letter of Nelson Poe, referring to his cousin, the poet, brought \$18.

One of the letters of Nathaniel Hawthorne, in regard to one of his books, was sold for \$28. One of George DuMaurier, to James R. Osgood, brought \$18. Another letter of Eugene Field, one of a request for a pass, written on a musical score, went for \$10, and an autograph poem, signed, to Marie Jansen, with illuminated capitals and lines, brought \$15. Two other letters of Field brought \$5 each.

Of the dramatic collection, a letter of David Garrick, in regard to an autograph copy, signed, of the manuscript of a farce, brought \$25. An autograph copy, signed, of the "Rip Van Winkle," by Joseph Jefferson, brought \$7. An interesting letter of Dorothy Johnson, the English actress, declining a very satisfactory theatrical engagement on account of ill health, brought \$14. A letter of hemlock, signed, of Edmund Keon, in regard to a quarrel he had the night before with G. Wynne, was bought by Mr. Wendell for \$25. Another letter of Keon, with a fine stipple portrait by Meyer and a playbill of the Drury Lane Theatre, Feb. 20, 1810, went for \$24. A letter of John Philip Kemble to Sir Thomas Lawrence, brought \$8, and one of Tyrone Power, the Irish comedian, who was lost in the wreck of the steamer President, was sold for \$9 to Mr. Wendell.

A collection of musical pieces were interesting, among the prices paid for different items being the following: Letter of Franz Liszt, \$16; Jenny Lind, \$5.75; Meyerbeer, \$2.50; Christine Nilsson, \$3.50; Jacques Offenbach, \$3.25; Nicolo Paganini, \$4; Adella Patti, \$3; Adelaide Ristori, \$4.25; and Ignace Jan Paderewski (pianist-composer), \$1.

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