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THE WOMAN WITH A VOICE OF GOLD.

"Doonside," a towered villa with a big garden, was David Mitchell's home. And it was at the other end of the world—in Richmond, a suburb of Melbourne, Australia. The family had amateur musical leanings. The father played the violin fairly well, and sang bass in the choir of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Mitchell played the harp, organ, and piano; she must have wondered sometimes why little Helen Porter, her third child, crawled in under the piano as she played—perhaps it was to find out how the silver notes were made!

EARLY EFFORTS.

Staying at the seaside with her people one summer, and seeing the fence of Sorensen's little cove in bad repair, she resolved to give a concert to raise funds to fix it up; but her pocket-money was soon gone. Since "Papa" refused to lend her more, she took into making her a can of paste, and that night pasted the bills with her own hands all over the quiet village. From this to a more ambitious effort was but a step. Always with vague ideas of a "musical career," she began a canvass of her friends and relatives. Would they support her in a really big concert in the provinces? They would—then, the idea reached her father, who, well knowing where the girl would be likely to seek support, went over the same ground and destroyed her supports one after the other. And so when she faced the music, her audience, while it may have been fit, was certainly few. Nevertheless, with infinite care and spirit, the husky girl sang her program through before two persons only!

THE FINDING OF A STAR.

First, there were three months as principal soprano in the Catholic Church of St. Francis at Melbourne. Three years saw her married, become a mother, accepted as a singer—however modestly, for Australia did not regard Nellie Armstrong as a vocal marvel. And when, at twenty, she left her native land for England, the amateur status still clung about her name. In London a hearing came soon. "In a year," Sir Arthur Sullivan told her, "I'll put you in the 'Mikado' if your performance accords with your promise." But in a little while the girl was prima donna at the Royal Opera! Melba's meeting with Madame Marcella in musical history now. The girl's fairy voice thrilled forth; the long, powerful crescendo floated and quivered, bell-like in purity, yet soft, clinging, cooing. "Salvatore," cried Marchesi, racing to the door. "At last I have found my star!" Then she was anxious. "Are you really serious, Mrs. Armstrong?" she cried, as she held both the girl's hands. "For if you are, and can study one year with me, you shall be something extra 'extraordinary'!" What doubt could there be, with the girl's heart consumed with longing? She entered the opera-dress at last without a preliminary, and worked eight hours a day. Nine months passed. Veteran teacher and pupil between them coined the name of "Melba" from the singer's native city. And now, behold the girl billed to sing "Gilda" in Verdi's "Rigoletto" at the Brussels Monnaie, one of Europe's most famous opera-houses. She had but three rehearsals; had never been on an opera-stage in her life; yet the supreme loveliness of her voice won success.

CONTINENTAL TRIUMPHS.

Soon the Paris opera found the new-found star, and she made her debut there in the "Hamlet" of Ambroise Thomas. Her reception was unparalleled in what is accepted as a world's premier opera house. And then she went to live in Paris. Here she studied "Juliette" and "Marguerite" in Gounod's own house. Melba often recalled the old maestro, with its little black velvet skull-cap, singing "Roméo," "The Nurse," "The Friar" and the rest, to the young Australian's delight. St. Petersburg came next; and amid an almost riotous crowd the girl met

embarrassed in a carriage half-buried in blossoms and hailed by teams of turbulent admirers who had superseded the horses. The girl's conquest of Italy was peculiar. Historic La Scala received her coolly. She had come hither already famous rather than been sent forth with the true Milanese "cachet." Feeling ran riotously high. Her life was threatened by poison, by tampering with stage lifts, and in other ways. Of course, such barriers of meanness crumbled and fell as the magical voice rang out over the vast old house. The hostile ones recalled her forty times; the final ovation lasted half an hour.

THE DIVA AT HOME.

Since then Melba's career has been one long series of continuous triumphs. Great Britain, America, and now more, Australia—all have yielded to the charm of that wonderful voice. At the present day she stands absolutely alone and without a rival among operatic stars. That she will add still further to the reputation she already enjoys is beyond conjecture. Her London home, where she is now residing, is in Great Cumberland Place, that fine terrace of mansions leading north from the Marble Arch. In point of artistic taste and beauty it ranks high, even in the world's largest city. The superb snow-white carving of walls and ceilings is a notable feature. The furniture, including exquisite specimens of the Louis Quinze period, has been collected by the diva herself in all the world's centres of culture. Soft green, with gold and rose, relieve the pure white of the reception-rooms. In her boudoir is a collection of rare china, and here, too, as in the drawing-room, the walls are littered with lovely souvenirs from the greatest personages. On a stand in the music-room are laid out the orders and decorations presented by the sovereigns of Europe. In her bedroom is the superb bed on which the son of Louis XIV. slept; his hair, she says, was the Revolution struck fair France. And here is a dressing-table with furnishings in flawless amber and tortoise-shell. Each piece bears a big "M" in diamonds. The service on the toilet table is of fine beaten gold, with a hill-of-the-valley design in fat, quail, pearls and diamonds. One of her ambitions is to possess a really notable gallery of great paintings.

HER WORLD IS HER BOND.

Her haired of shams, her native dignity, and the fine nature of the woman have always withheld her from the meannesses of narrow "sees," who courted her because of her professional eminence. Those who have only heard the clear, bell-like timbre of her singing notes would be surprised, please mention The Star. Her manner is simple. Straightforward to a fault, she expects the honesty of speech and action. Her word is taken as a bond by the keenest men of business the world knows. She is never asked to sign a contract with the Royal Opera in London, nor is a formal document considered necessary for her American tours. Melba has no bizarre preferences. Call on her in private life, and you will be sure to find her wearing something of a bluish blue with pearls and malachite. Here she has her color, jewel and flower. Birds, dogs, and horses are her pets, and she said that if she were a man she would try to become a champion polo player. As it is, she is a familiar horse-woman among the modish throng. But she laughingly confesses that she is now her grand passion, though she also takes an interest in golf, with her newly-wedded son as teacher. Melba's favorite author among the men of the hour is Jack London, whose "Call of the Wild" she has read six times. She has little time for novels, but long ago fell a victim to the fascinations of Balzac. History and biography are her favorite forms of literature, and old Omar's "Rubaiyat" is her favorite poem.

ALL SORTS OF LETTERS.

Melba invariably rises at eight-thirty, however late she may have been. A few minutes' physical exercise, and then to her huge correspondence. Letters in seven tongues, begging for help, impudent letters from cranks, requests for a hearing of the voice, for autographs in thousands. To reply is a serious task, yet all are read—and much good done.

The diva superintends her own household affairs, and her cook is interviewed even before the letters are opened every morning. After consulting with her secretaries, she sings a few notes to test her voice. Her social calls are naturally many, and her birthday, Christmas, and other festive events fairly bury her home in floral tributes and heartfelt messages of good will.

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FOR SALE—A set of shorthand instruction books, (Isaac Pitman system). Apply MRS. C. E. FROST, Hampton Street. 23-3-3

FOR SALE—At Duval's Umbrella Shop, self-opening Umbrellas, etc., up ordinary, 60c. up L. S. Cans. We use no other in our chair-seating. Perforated Seats shaped square, Light, Dark. Umbrella recutting and repairs. 17 Waterloo street. 6-12-1

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery wagons, 2 coaches, and 2 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first-class carriage. Best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGECOMBE, 115 and 123 City Road. 23-3-3

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WANTED—Capable general girl. No washing. Apply MRS. W. A. HARRISON, 187 Duke street, before September 1st, after that date, 266 King St. Wm. street, Mrs. J. Roydon Thomson. 23-3-3

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WANTED—Capable girl for general housework in small family. Good wages. Apply in evening to 153 Wright Street. 23-3-3

WANTED—At once, a kitchen girl. Apply at the Lansdowne House, King Square. 23-3-3

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to 24 Queen Square. 12-2-1

WANTED—Girl for general housework—two in family. Apply MRS. E. G. SCOVILL, 64 Union street. 17-3-1

WANTED.—Competent housemaid in family of three. Apply 33 Queen Square. 14-3-1

WANTED—Good capable girl. No washing. Good wages. Apply MISS LEITA WATERBURY, 220 King St. 10-3-1

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply at 42 Sewell street. 23-1-1

WANTED—Kitchen girl at Bond's Restaurant, 121 Mill St. 23-3-1

WANTED—At once, general girl. Apply 75 King street, over Macaulay Bros. 23-3-1

WANTED—At once, Housemaid, willing to help with care of children. Apply, MRS. F. P. STARR, 61 Carlton street. 3-3-1

WANTED—General girls, cooks and housemaids can always get best and highest pay. Apply Miss Hanson, Employment Office, 193 Charlotte St. 23-3-1

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LOST—On ferryboat or floats, on Aug. 16th, lady's black and white muslin shirt-waist. Finder kindly leave word at this office. 23-3-1

LOST—Black cocker bitch, answering name of Nigger. Finder rewarded. Anyone harboring same will be prosecuted. W. J. PARKER, City Road. 23-3-1

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Sales of all kinds attended. Furniture Sales at Residence a Specialty. Office—Market Street. Phone 291.

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Please call and examine, and satisfy yourself. MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE HERE.

W. H. BELL, 79 Germain Street.

BOARD OF WORKS

The board of works met last evening and several important matters were discussed. Bills were submitted for work done by the city dredge at Stetson and Cutler's mill and for the St. John River Log Driving Co. The former bill was for \$226.67, and the latter for \$1,000.80. The chamberlain was authorized to issue the bills.

The tenders for asphalt work were taken up. Magee & Co. were the only tenderers and they offered to do the work for 23 1-2 cents a yard. Nothing was done in the matter.

The purchasing of tar was discussed. All suggestions were turned down. A communication from the Street Railway Co. of Boston, regarding a loop is now in operation, was read.

Ald. Bullock reported for the committee appointed to select a director. The committee favored the appointment of F. W. Holt at \$1,800 a year. Ald. Bullock stated that W. Z. Earle wanted a salary of \$1,600 a year. It was suggested that Mr. Holt's appointment be left over until the first of the year. A vote was taken on the report and it was turned down. The committee was then discharged.

TRAGEDIES.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 27.—Albert Stemmen, a bookkeeper, became insane today, and taking his 2-year-old daughter, Helen, to the Belle Island Bridge, threw her into the Detroit River and watched the little one struggle and drown. Stemmen's insanity is of some months' standing, and he believed he was making an acceptable human sacrifice to God for the sins of the world. Leaving the bridge he went to police headquarters and calmly announced what he had done. He had no sooner been locked in a cell than the police rushed to the bridge, where they found the girl's body. It then developed that Stemmen had been talking queerly for about a month, and that today at dinner he began to show symptoms that alarmed his family. There is one more child surviving.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 27.—Two accidents which resulted fatally and one which is likely to prove so, were reported at police headquarters tonight. Arthur Hammond, 38 years old, died at the city hospital from injuries received in a run-away accident.

Jeremiah Kearns, aged 33, while working at his trade as a bricklayer, lost his balance and fell to his death 60 feet below.

Mrs. May Manning, 45 years old, was badly burned about the head and arms by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. She was removed to the city hospital.

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—The havoc wrought by the torrential rains in the central provinces during the last few days is assuming alarming dimensions. In the Guma prefecture about 18,000 houses have been submerged. 40 lives are known to have been lost, and 250 persons are missing.

THE TIE NAILS.

Owing to the friction and pressure to which tie nails are exposed in all persons who wear boots or shoes there is a great tendency to thickening on the underpart of the free growth, the portion of the nail that extends beyond the toe point. This thickened part sometimes gets pressed against the flesh, and then very painful corns result. The preventive treatment is to keep the nails cut short and to remove the rather soft thickened parts with a blunt pocket knife or scissors blade.

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FURNISHED ROOMS at 20 Horsfield street. 23-3-3

NICE FURNISHED ROOMS. 34 Orange St. 15-3-12

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BOARDING AND ROOMS—MRS. SHANKS, 1074 Princess Street. 23-3-3

TO LET—Nicely furnished rooms, 223 Duke street. 17-7-1

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ROOM AND BOARD—143 Union street. 8-3-1

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AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Robert G. Strange, aged 39 years, of New York city, was fatally injured by being thrown from the automobile which her husband was driving at the rate of about fifty miles an hour at North Egremont today. Mrs. Strange was riding on a box in the rear of the car, there being no regular seat there when the machine went over a rough spot in the road and hurled her off her seat. She sustained a fractured skull and three broken ribs and a broken collarbone, besides internal injuries. She was removed to the house of Lyman Shultz nearby, where the physicians said she could not recover.

BRUSHING A HAT.

A hat should always be brushed in the direction opposite to the growth of a lock. Otherwise the pile of the felt is taken out and but given a cheap, poor appearance.