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that he did not consider that he had really done anything in literature until he had written a long story. That any clever person could write a sketch, but that it took considerable ability and tact to write even a poor novel. Certainly this is true. A short story is merely a mood, an impression. The chances are that it will have genuineness and continuity like any burst of feeling. But a novel requires not one flash of understanding, but a clear, steady flame and oil in one's flask beside. Not a mood, but a continuous flow of feeling and thought and a vast knowledge of technique and of the artistic construction of the whole. Many a man can fashion an arch or design a spire or carve a gargoyle, but to build a cathedral is quite another matter. Then I object to Mr. Maclaren's everlasting sadness and to everybody "dying at the end." Pierre Loti once wrote a book of such melancholy stories, but he frankly called it "The Book of Death and Pity," and his readers were forewarned and forearmed.

Of course every one dies, but there is no use in inviting the whole world to the funeral obsequies of the entire population of Scotland. Death is not the especial privilege of the Scotch, sometimes English men die, occasionally even Americans. There are tragedies in life much greater than death, if one insists upon being tragic. There are short stories and short stories. The short story is a great art in its way; it should leave one vivid impression. It should have a vital point, or it should atone for the lack of such a point by beauty of language and quality of style, or else it should be pleasant. Now, Kipling's short stories are good reading because they are so various in theme and treatment. They are full of real men, young men, active and able bodied, pleasant fellows whom you can chat with and laugh with and forget. But I object to being introduced to a sombre character merely to attend his funeral six pages after I have met him. I don't believe in sadness in six entrees with a funeral for desert. To be persistently sad is as narrow as to be persistently frivolous.

There was a really strong Scotch novel published a few years ago, though it seems to have been already forgotten by the changeful worshippers of Scotch fiction of the day. I speak of Barrie's "Little Minister." That at least was a whole novel, not a book of sketches. Of course it was about a minister, being Scotch, but this minister was enterprising and he did something else than die. Indeed, he did so unfunereal a thing as to get married. It was quite a trick for Mr. Barrie to bring about that marriage too, it was no easy thing to manage a love affair between a staid and studious clergyman and a reckless, creedless gypsy. That scene between Babbie and Gavin at the well, and the scene of Gavin's danger and Rob Dow's sacrifice were well done. Now Mr. Crockett, I imagine, would have taken old Nannie, who did not want to go to the poor house, and old Margaret, who had a "past," and old Ogilivie who had loved Margaret in his youth, and old Rob Dow who died to rescue the minister who had saved his soul, and any other aged and infirm persons who were handy and made a separate story of each one because he has not the patience or craft to weave them all into one strong consistent novel that has both major and minor strains, and that is brave and cheerful and fair to both sides of human life. These chroniclers of woe seem to delight only in telling old women's tales of the hardships they have seen and the wakes they have attended. There is a merry

side to life and a funny side to poverty; men are young once, and rejoice in their youth; they love sometimes and they often smile, they exult in the perfection and loveliness of the things that are, Mr. Crockett and Mr. Maclaren to the contrary. There are pleasure gardens in the world as well as grave yards, waltzes as well as funeral marches, living men as well as dead, young women as well as old, sonnets as well as epitaphs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Louisa A. Hunt is plaintiff, and James A. Davidson, et al., are defendants.

I will, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 24 day of December, A. D., 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot "E" of J. A. Davidson's sub-division of lots Nos. fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) in block No. two (2) of Orchard sub-division of lot No. twenty-one (21) of sub-division of lot No. four (4) of irregular tracts of the northwest quarter (¼) of section No. nineteen (19), township No. ten (10), north range No. seven (7) east of the sixth principal meridian in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 31st day of October, A. D. 1895

FRED A. MILLER,
Sheriff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Francis C. Faulkner, as assignee of the Connecticut River Savings bank of Charlestown, New Hampshire, a New Hampshire corporation, is plaintiff, and Thomas Hanlon, et al., are defendants; I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 24 day of December A. D. 1895 at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit: All of block number four (4) in Lincoln View in Lancaster county, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded.

Give under my hand this 21st day of November, A. D. 1895.

FRED A. MILLER,
Sheriff.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF CHATTEL MORTGAGE BY SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY.

Whereas, on the 14th day of November, 1895, C. H. Rohman & Company executed and delivered to Lederer & Strauss a certain chattel mortgage and which mortgage was on the 15th day of November, 1895, duly filed of record in the county clerk's office of Lancaster county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a promissory note executed at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 15th day of July, 1893, for the sum of \$2,500, due in one year after date, payable to the order of W. C. Stark, with seven per cent interest per annum from date and signed by C. H. Rohman & Company and duly indorsed by said W. C. Stark to one Nelson C. Brock, and by Nelson C. Brock indorsed, sold and delivered to Lederer & Strauss, who are now the owners and holders of said note, and default having been made in the payment of the same and there being now due and owing on said note from said C. H. Rohman & Company to said Lederer & Strauss the sum of \$2,500, together with interest thereon at seven per cent per annum from July 15, 1895, and by said chattel mortgage the said C. H. Rohman & Company thereby conveyed to Lederer & Strauss all of the goods, groceries, wares and merchandise, office furniture, fixtures and personal property now in and upon the east half and side of the store room and basement lately occupied by said C. H. Rohman & Company at No. 1032 O street, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, together with one sorrel horse, age about eight years; one dun mare, age ten years; one set harness; one delivery wagon, all kept in barn at No. 1435 L street, in said city of Lincoln; also one-half of all books of accounts as shown by the firm books; all of which property we will offer at public sale at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m. at the store room aforesaid on the 5th day of December, 1895.

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