

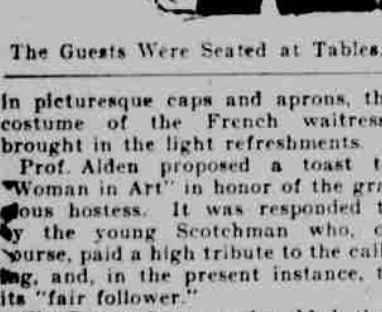
CHAPTER IV. THE STUDIO.

A few mornings after, as the doctor was leaving his office to go the rounds of his visits, he met his sister, who said she was going up to Lucille's studio and begged him to accompany her.

"I will be good to you, and let you ride up with me; instead of your riding on the car, but dearie I can only stay a very short time."

Maude, talked incessantly, on the way, and mostly of Lucille. When they arrived, they found several friends who had come down to greet the young artist in honor of the opening of her studio.

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The Guests Were Seated at Tables. In picturesque caps and aprons, the costume of the French waitress, brought in the light refreshments.

Prof. Alden proposed a toast to "Woman in Art" in honor of the gracious hostess. It was responded to by the young Scotchman who, of course, paid a high tribute to the calling, and in the present instance, to its "fair follower."

The doctor humorously added, that in the art of sculpture and painting, there were two different mouldings, or carvings, of the human form divine!

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CHAPTER V. GAIETIES OF THE "HUB."

The Winter festivities, were beginning to be numerous with concerts, receptions, opera's and the like. The Remingtons, Miss Denton and Macdonald were nearly always to be seen, in the same party.

Poor little Maude Hastings, was apparently downhearted about something. Finally her brother, the doctor, noticed how extremely quiet she seemed to be.

"Well, that settles it," said her husband, laughing. "She always has her own sweet way, like most of the fair sex."

"Well, my poor man, since you want me to be candid, you have but a short time to live."

"Then for God's sake, get some one to write down what I have to say, for I cannot let an innocent man suffer wrong any longer, or keep him out of his just rights."

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"For, if one only uses her eyes, not blinded by self interest and love, as yours have been, she can readily see that the admiration between Macdonald and Miss Denton, is mutual. And really, she would not do so badly, as he is the heir to quite valuable estates, in Scotland, and is truly, a very nice fellow."

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CHAPTER VI. THE CONFESSION.

The night nurse in the hospital met Dr. Hastings in the upper corridor, and conducted him to the cot, where lay the poor unfortunate. As soon as his professional eye caught the expression of the man's face, he knew that the man was doomed, and that his duty would only be to relieve suffering, while life lasted.

"Am I going to die?" he asked. "Do not deceive me, for I have a confession to make, which will only reveal, if I know I am on my death bed."

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Farm and Dairy.

Colts and calves are frequently given little attention, because they are little things and are overlooked. It is possible to spoil a good horse or a fine steer in colthood or calfhood.

It always makes me out of humor to see forks, hay knives, baskets, etc., strewn promiscuously over the feeding room floor.

Happy is the family that has a good store for winter. The proper place is filled with all kinds of stores that may come in handy in winter.

Farmers are engaged in a laudable calling. Should they go on a strike the world would soon know what it is to be hungry.

Sometimes any place or every place will do very well for wintering stock, but they will not do so well if it would be a good plan to study their wants and try and meet them by making the best arrangements for wintering them.

After repeated trials I have concluded that it does not pay to make rag carpets or patch work quilts. I have watched the work in this home, and the result of my conclusions is that it works up some rags, and that is all the gain there is to it.

There never was a better time than right now to have that memorandum book loaded, and the very first day that the weather puts a stop to corn husking it should be consulted for something and then there will be no neglecting things that should have been attended to.

About forty farmers' institutes will be held in different counties in the state during the month of January and February.

All improved stock breeding rests upon the influence of heredity as a factor in the work of continuous and cumulative improvement.

A rather amusing thing happened at a fishing camp at which I was last summer," said R. R. Reynolds of Hartford, at the Hotel Manhattan, New York.

The next man simply stayed so did the next, but the next two who dropped out, I raised again, and so did every one else in turn.

Miss Sabers Rouse of Cherokee county, Kan., was run over by a railroad train fifteen years ago, when she was only two years old, and thereby lost a leg.

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TRYING TO PLEASE.

"You can't please everybody no matter how you try," was the philosophic discovery made by a pretty matron recently.

"So I prepared myself on matters economic, scientific and political, put on my smartest frock, thrust my precious babies away from me, and started out with a determination, above all things, not to mention that delightful topic, my wonderful children."

"The girls, I could plainly see, were politely surprised at my well set up figure, and my attire—a snoring reference to that 'dowdy Mrs. Brown' chilled me with a suspicion of their undoubted expectations of my appearance."

"I finally bade my hostess goodbye and sallied forth, quite pleased with the impression I had made and feeling assured my reputation was in their hands."

"Within three months our return to the west had been decided on, but before my departure a kind friend tumbled my price in the mire."

"I gasped in mute astonishment. 'Why, she continued, I heard that you had changed so, grown utterly frivolous and worldly, laced outrageously and dressed like a fashion plate, all of which might be forgiven but for your fearless indifference to your friends. They said you never mentioned them, and when some one asked how they were you showed absolutely no interest in the subject.'

"Well, of course, I explained matters, but all my self-sacrifice did you ever hear of anything like that? And the little woman's eyes filled with tears of vexation—Enquirer."

Train Robberies.

More than twenty times a year railway trains in the United States are held up and robbed. The criminals who follow this dangerous pursuit are fearless, and it is said that there is but one possible measure that will go to the root of their vicious careers.

A few travelers know that since the year 1890 there have been 230 hold-ups in this country, with more than 80 persons killed outright and nearly as many injured. The desperadoes usually work in gangs, and are difficult to run down.

As it is always express cars that suffer from the depredations of these robbers, the departments of federal protection to the express companies. Mail cars are, it is alleged, rarely attacked by robbers, for the reason that such robberies are crimes against the government.

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Out of the Ordinary.

Americans pay \$7,000,000 a year for Paris millinery. Great Britain eats her entire wheat crop in about thirteen weeks.

The night watchman of the Pennsylvania house of representatives gets \$3 a night from the state for his services. He pays another man \$1 a night to do the watching, while he himself runs a saloon in Philadelphia.

A new cure for rheumatism has been discovered in New South Wales. It is called the whale bath. The treatment consists in depositing the patient in the body of a dead whale. Almost invariably the patient is able to climb out unassisted.

Milton Stewart is building an ark on the top of West Rock, near New Haven, Conn., in the belief that the world is to be visited by another deluge. Mr. Stewart makes no definite prediction as to the date of its coming.

Quite frequently mention is made of the value of the shares of the Chemical National bank of New York, showing how much above par some fancy stocks are held. But there was a sale of some shares of some shares of the Mississippi River Logging company which breaks the record.

The Ohio Hotel association will ask the legislature to eliminate the requirement that a dead-beat law be posted in every room; to allow hotels to sell baggage left by guests within reasonable time and apply the proceeds on the bill of the departed guest; to require presenters of checks to prove their innocence of intent to defraud; to eliminate the provision that if the landlord allows a guest to delay payment he is estopped from prosecuting for fraud; the hotel men desiring the privilege of allowing a guest ten days in which to settle a bill, with the right to prosecute upon failure to pay at that time.

The smallest farm in the United States, if not in the world, is to be found in Molina, Ga. It is owned by a stock company of six men, and contains one foot of land. It is known as the "doodle farm." A few years ago an exciting local election was decided by the vote of freeholders, and a politician decided one foot of land to six men jointly, thus giving each of them a vote. Six men can vote by virtue of owning one foot of land, but the woman possessing in her own right the largest landed estate in Molina has no vote.

As to whether republics are ungrateful or not, the case of Jack, an army scout, is in point. Jack was born thirty-five years ago, saw a great deal of active service and was finally turned over to the engineers removing the rocks in Hell Gate channel in New York harbor. After working faithfully until three years ago, when old age made him infirm, the government stood the financial strain of feeding Jack for these three years, but last week gave orders that he be killed, and it was done. This will help to cut down the annual deficit.

Labor and Industry.

Wisconsin's tobacco crop will yield \$5,000,000. About \$50,000,000 worth of rubber was exported from Brazil last year. During the present year over \$20,000,000 has been invested in the zinc and lead mines of Missouri.

It is said that labor will be represented in the next Ohio legislature by twenty-three farmers, a puddler, a molder, engineer, metal polisher, miner and a carpenter. Co-operative factories in Great Britain last year made profits aggregating over \$1,000,000 on a capital of little over \$11,000,000. This is more than 10 per cent on the investment.

Large quantities of Alabama coal are still being shipped down the Mississippi river for points in Louisiana and lower Mississippi, more especially to New Orleans. The traffic bids fair to be maintained through the winter.

The annual report of Factory Inspector James Campbell of Pennsylvania for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1899, shows that there were 132,279 more persons employed in the manufacturing establishments under the supervision of the factory inspector in 1899 than in 1898. Mr. Campbell says that if the demand for skilled workmen and laborers could be supplied the increase would be greater.

While one group of investors is at work on liquid air as a motive power, with a temperature enormously below zero, another makes a claim of remarkable merits for superheated water in light and heavy transport. The water is heated in upright steel tubes of steam in a locomotive. When released into an engine it expands nearly 1,000 times and performs the service required of a storage power.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.