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Far into the soft summer night I sat with little Susie Naseby on the piazza of the Belle Lake Pavilion. Our talk had not a powerful smack of sentiment, though the moonlight on the water, a low, sighing breeze from the South, vague cadences of distant singing from a yacht on the lake, and the seclusion of our vine-embowered corner, all combined to lend an air of romance to the interview. But Susie and I never flirted with each other, whatever we might do with some, we had, in the course of long acquaintanceship, established a delightful and unusual relation, a sort of fraternal and Platonic sentiment, quite chivalrous, quite harmless, quite novel, and altogether charming. So well was this understood that Mrs. Naseby felt not the least anxiety on leaving her daughter in my hands, only bringing out a thick shawl to 'wrap the Babie Bunting in,' and leaving us with a parting injunction not to go on the wet grass.

Gossiping away like a couple of katy-dids, about everything and everybody, we came to speak of a certain Charles Selwin, a young gentleman of fortune then sojourning at the Pavilion. For reason that will transpire, I could not abide Mr. Selwin on any terms, and was sorry to find that he had succeeded in interesting little Susie more than a good and pretty girl should be in a brainless idler. Stupidly enough I spoke straight out, giving my opinion of the gentleman without mincing words. Of course, woman-fashion, she defended him strongly, and, in searching for arguments, discovered new merits in her subject.

'You can't deny that he is very handsome,' urged Susie; 'such rosy cheeks, and nice brown hair curling around the forehead—I do think that a fine complexion and large clustering ringlets are too splendid!'

When Selwin first came to Belle Lake, he and I went in swimming together one day. On coming out of the water, I observed that his "fine complexion" was washed off, leaving a sort of whitey-purple, ashes-of-roses color, much prettier for a moire antique than for a man's face. His 'large clustering ringlets,' too, were non est, and in their place his hair hung in strings over his eyes. Shortly after I saw him in the barber shop, where Joe was operating upon his head with the curling tongs. His cheeks were still the color of a frozen turnip, but in half an hour at dinner, the ruddy glow had returned, more brilliant than ever.

I really had too much regard for my sex to confess, even to Susie, that any man ever painted his face; and if I had, I might have been unable to produce positive proofs of the statement, so I contented myself with deriding his lisp and drawl.

'A sweet style of talking, hasn't he, my dear! 'Aw, Mith Natheby, aw, what thpleendid thenery, aw!'

'Just as if he could help that. He was born with a peculiar throat, I suppose. And, after all, it doesn't sound so badly, when you know it isn't affectation.'

'Yes; but I know it is affectation.'

'Now, William! I never knew you so uncharitable before. What has Mr. Selwin ever done to you?'

'My dear child, you are a sensible girl, so I can speak plainly to you. I should not have thought twice about this young person, had he not made, apparently, a good impression upon you, as I believe, by false and fleeting shows, for woman's illusion given. I consider him a humbug and a puppy, who has made you admire him for what he does not possess. Are you satisfied, ma chere?'

'Yes, mon cher. I am satisfied that you are entirely mistaken about Mr. Selwin, and very obstinately prejudiced generally. You have only seen him a few times, yet you think because he is not one of your feather—a literati—a journalist—a quill driver—a Bohemian—or whatever you are—that he is not good enough for you! I say he is handsome, accomplished, elegant, amiable, gentlemanly—'

'Sweet, lovely, splendid, delightful, pretty nice young man—'

'Hush! I won't allow you to say another word about him!'

Of course, I had to yield. I simply determined to keep an eye on Selwin, and to see that he did not gain too powerful an ascendancy over Susie's susceptible heart.

Concealing my prejudices, then, I made myself somewhat intimate with him, but discovered in him only a well-dressed nonentity. Sometimes I detected a low-bred cunning in the cheap artifices by which he imposed upon Susie and her mother, but I had no good opportunities to expose him, and he went on, through all the long August days, playing the role of conquering hero. He knew how to listen to long stories from old ladies; how to talk politics with old gentlemen; how to kill time for himself and others at a watering place.

Surely, as I mean to crush him utterly, before I get through, let me do him justice now. Let me not forget the least of his attractions.

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'Well, I never!'

'What's the matter?' I asked; 'anything extraordinary?'

'I believe you, my boy. Do you see that young swell with the two blondes?'

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'You must be mistaken. He certainly has money—he spends any amount of it.'

'No, I can't be wrong. I know him of old. He makes some money—made some out of me by the cheapest kind of a swindle, and I'll give him a fall now. Wait till a chance comes, I'll astonish him.'

After dinner we were smoking our cigars in front of the house, when Selwin lounged out. As he came down the steps, Colwell hailed him:

'Hallo, Pollock! Bill Pollock!'

He was startled, sure enough. His confusion was evident enough to excite attention from all present. Colwell had made a telling shot, but it was prematurely discharged, and the conqueror was too much for us yet. Old Tamden came along at the moment, and, seeing Selwin's embarrassment, asked him what was the matter.

'Your name isn't Pollock, is it?' said he.

The cool impassability of the young man returned, and with the sweetest sincerity he explained that he had a twin brother closely resembling himself, who, under the assumed name of Pollock, was leading a ruinous, disorderly life.

'He has always been a trouble to the family,' said injured innocence, 'and hearing his name suddenly has disturbed me. I fancied he might have come here to worry me into giving him money, as he sometimes does.'

All this, said with a perfect air of truth, and coming from the admired and respected Selwin, carried conviction to the public mind at once. Even Colwell was staggered, and thought it might be true.

Selwin's triumph, then, was complete. The anti-Selwin party was annihilated, and he was more popular than ever.

Under a pretext of passing a part of his time with his invalid mother, this young gentleman absented himself from Belle Lake every Wednesday night, returning on Saturday. My belief was that he then transacted some business of a more or less questionable nature, and that the money he spent so freely was earned—or made, by hook or by crook, out of somebody—from week to week. I saw, however, that it was of no use to attempt to overthrow him, this season, at Belle Lake; and, as business required my return to town, I gave up the whole affair.

Susie and her mother remained some time longer, and from occasional reports I learned that Selwin's success with the poor girl was considered indubitable. Feeling sure that she was being deluded into a marriage that could only bring miserable disappointment to herself and family, I determined to make one more effort to prevent it. Susie was too nice a girl to throw herself away on such a fellow, and in the capacity of ami de famille, I thought I would take the affair in my own hands.

With this intention I sought the Swamp, and found my friend Colwell. I inquired of him the particulars of his relations with the 'Bill Pollock' he had mentioned, and the swindle practiced upon him by that person.

'I'm almost ashamed to tell you about that,' said Colwell; 'but if you think my experience will be of any value to you, you are welcome. This Pollock, or Selwin, or whoever he is, is a 'spiritual medium.' A year or so ago I heard so many stories about his wonderful 'tests' that Treadley and I concluded to go and see what he amounted to. We went to his rooms in Amity street, but he wasn't visible; and a boy who attended the door told us it was necessary to make an appointment, as Mr. Pollock's time was always engaged for two or three days in advance. We put down our names, paid our $5 apiece in advance, according to the gentleman's rule, and, when the time came, I went to see him. Treadley backed out, but I thought I might as well get my money's worth. Pollock was a very quiet, polite young fellow, the very image of that Selwin, except that he wasn't quite so much of a swell, and didn't squeak his words out like a sick mouse. He did some very strange things, and told me some news from the other world which might or might not have been true. Finally, when he had got me pretty well interested, and a good deal surprised, he offered to produce a portrait of my mother, who had been dead about eight years. There is no picture of her in existence, and I have always wanted one, so I agreed to pay him $50 in advance, like a double dunce as I was, if he would produce one. He took the money, and told me to call at the end of a month, when the portrait would be ready for me. I did so, and found an easel in the room, with a picture upon it, carefully covered up. Pollock made a great ado removing the drapery, and when he had done placed the thing in a good light and told me to look at it. It was a frightful daub, such as you may see in any of the cheap picture auctions; a picture of a young girl with long hair falling over her shoulders, and her hands clasped over her breast. I was taken all aback, but Pollock was equal to the occasion. 'You are surprised,' says he, to see her represented so young and beautiful, but this you must remember is the way she now looks in her present celestial state!' I think he came very near getting knocked across the room just then; but, somehow, he contrived to slip out as he spoke, and I was left with my spiritual art speculation, which I incontinently thrust into the grate." The boy outside opened the door for me very politely, but he needn't have done so—I felt small enough to creep through the keyhole!'

'And you never tried to recover anything from Pollock?'

No, I was heartily ashamed of the whole business.'

'Is he still in the city.'

'I guess so.'

'I will go and have a dash at him. I don't think he will sell me any pictures.'

A brief search brought Pollock's card to light.

'William Pollock, Test Medium, No. —— Amity street. Receptions: Thursday and Friday. Sessions five dollars per hour. (Engagements can be made several days in advance.)'

Thursdays and Fridays! The very days Selwin always passed in the city! I began to see the beginning of the end.

I hastened to make an appointment, and at the hour agreed upon presented myself before Pollock. As I had expected, he and Selwin were one and the same. There was some little attempt at change—his hair was out of curl, and his style of dress was totally different, but there could be no mistake about his identity.

He was greatly troubled by my appearance, but I evinced no sign of recognition, and he probably flattered himself that I did not know him. However, he immediately announced that the session must be held in the dark, and led me into an inner chamber, whence the light was carefully excluded.

Here he gave me a communication from a cousin of mine, a young lady, who, when living, had been a fast friend of Susie Naseby. Of course I understood where he got the little points of information, etc., with which this communication was larded, and which might have surprised me much had I not known all the circumstances. Then followed a string of moral platitudes in the usual style of such messages, containing strong advice against the prosecution of those who have never harmed me, and winding up with an exhortation to remove the beam from my own eye before meddling with the mote in my brother's.

That will do, Selwin,' said I; 'that's quite enough.'

'Selwin! What do you mean, sir?' I acknowledge that my name is Selwin, but it is many a year since I have been so called. How did you learn my name? perhaps you mistake me for my twin brother, who still bears it.'

'He had a brother!' Yes, it is very well played, but about played out. It won't do, Charles; I knew from the first, and now I have proof. No doubt you would like to sell me a picture of my cousin; but really, I do not care to speculate in that direction, so I will bid you good day, promising that if you continue your attention to Miss Naseby, I shall expose you before her and all her friends.'

I turned to go, but he seized me and swore to take my life if I didn't promise secrecy. Fortunately, I had expected trouble, and was prepared for it. The sight of a six shooter, loaded and cocked, brought my fine fellow down at once. The suggestion that a visitation from the police might be unpleasant for him seemed to have a sedative effect, and to allay all violent tendencies on his part.

The humiliation of a fellow creature is a painful spectacle always, and certainly Selwin descended to the lower depths of self-abasement. He whined and begged and almost wept in his anger and fear, even going so far as to offer to share Susie Naseby's fortune with me, if I would connive with him. Sick of such a wretched scene, I left him, advising him to hang himself, as the most economical way of rendering justice to society. I fancied that he was thoroughly disposed of, but I had not yet learned the full extent of his brazen coolness. He went to Belle Lake post haste that very day, and used every possible endeavor to persuade Susie to elope with him at once, and to make one of the Gretna Green wedding party.

Her good sense saved her. She refused, of course, and the baffled 'medium' sailed for New Orleans the next day, where he still pursues his gentle art. I had the malicious pleasure of saying the inevitable 'I told you so' to Susie, until she almost threatened to marry me instead of Selwin.

'As a reward or punishment?' I asked.

The Frauds Exposed.

A Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* thus sums up the result of the Potter committee investigation:

1. The Presidential election could only be carried for Mr. Hayes by counting his electors in both the states of Louisiana and Florida.

In Florida the canvassing board assumed without warrant of law to exercise discretionary powers and to alter the results appearing upon the returns. This the courts have since decided to be unlawful, and their determinations have been that in that state at least, Tilden, and not Hayes, was elected upon the votes returned.

2. Testimony taken in Florida and Washington shows that in respect to the votes returned there were the grossest frauds. It is established on unimpeached testimony that in Baker county the canvassers first counted one or two disputed returns and later discarded the returns they had once counted and counted the returns from that county they had previously rejected for no reason except to make the figures come out for Mr. Hayes. In Alachua county it is shown that the election officers brought the returns to Mr. Dennis, chairman of the republican county committee, and upon his upbraiding them with the showing they proceeded in his house to add 219 fictitious names and as many fictitious republican votes to the returns. This was the county in Mr. Noyes' charge, and it is established that when he proposed to call Dennis as a witness about these returns Dennis told him he would run the republican case, and must not be required to testify, and he was, accordingly, not required to do so. True, Noyes says that it was not because of fear of the cause, but of fear for Dennis personally, that he did not call him. So Dennis says that just before the canvassers were to take action he heard there was a bargain with Barlow, the republican manager, by which the state was to be counted for Hayes and Drew, and he went in the morning before they were up to the room occupied by Noyes and Wallace and told them that the republicans wouldn't submit to this, and the state had to be counted either for Hayes and Stearns or Tilden and Drew, and Noyes and Wallace thought so much of this they got straight out of bed and went and dismissed Barlow. This Noyes explains by saying he did not want Dennis dissatisfied. M'Lin, one of the state canvassers, says they canvassed the returns under positive assurances of reward, which Noyes denies but it is understood Wallace admits.

But in this connection it is most significant that every one connected with the Florida frauds got office. Noyes was made minister to France, Kasson minister to Austria, M'Lin justice of New Mexico, Stearns commissioner of the Hot Springs. Dennis went into the supervising architect's office, where he had nothing to do but draw his pay. Cessna, the county judge, who took the affidavits in Alachua, was made a postmaster. Black and Vance, the canvassers there, went, one into the treasury and the other into the post office. Howell, who was clerk of Baker county, was made collector of customs. Bowels