

WAS AS ONE IN A DREAM

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A CRISIS IN THE CAREER OF JOE HAYWARD.

People said that Joe Hayward's pictures "lacked something." No one was sure what it was. Even the critics, who know everything, were at a loss.

Occasionally, when he sold a picture, he would give "a time" to a dozen artist chums from studios near by, as they did whenever fortune favored them; after which he would paint again, on and on, with a really tremendous perseverance.

At length he obtained permission to make an exhibition of his work in a single room at the Art Gallery. The pictures were only ten in number, and some of them were small, but they represented a hard year's work.

As he turned to leave the room, he saw a gray-gowned young woman, who evidently did not know that the pictures were not as yet upon public view.

"Hayward is a young artist and of purely local reputation," he explained. This is his first public exhibition.

"You'll help me, won't you?" he asked. Her eyes filled. "Indeed I will, if I only can."

"Believe me, I never dreamed of this, and you know what my answer must be; but I do not need to tell you that whatever honest friendship can offer is already yours."

"You cannot mean what you say, that white, womanly soul of yours must be to love me some day. You have stood between me and the depths, and there has been no shame in the life that I offer you since you came into it."

"I cannot promise what you ask, but you may come and see me if you wish."

"Listen," she said, "and I will tell you how I feel. I am twenty-five and I have never cared. I do not believe that I ever shall care, for the love that we read of is almost incomprehensible to me. You cannot marry such a woman."

It was very hard to say what she must. With an effort she rose and drew away from him. "I must be true to myself and to you," she said, "and I can say nothing but the old, bitter no."

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words and tone with which he bade his friend put the little thing back where he had found it were as hot as they were foolish. For a moment the two friends faced each other; then Jennings apologized and then Hayward, in sparkling champagne they drank to good fellowship again.

He knew now why Jennings had angered him. The shaft of light from a woman's eyes, which once strikes deep into the soul of every man, had at last come home to him.

"Mr. Hayward," she said, "I want you to know my niece."

When Constance looked upon Hayward's pale and trembling face, she stood there, forgetful of place, and the things around her. At length she knew what she meant to him; that his art at last rang true because he had loved her enough to be a man for her sake.

She dared not linger before it then, but she came again when the place was empty, and stood before her lover's work like one in a dream. The fiends in the shadow showed her the might of the temptations he had fought down.

At length they sat down under a gnarled oak tree and watched the light upon the river and in the sky. After some moments of silence Hayward spoke.

"I think you know the man now. Will you tell me what his pictures lack?"

She hesitated. "I do not know the man well enough to say, but I will give you my art creed and let you judge for yourself. I believe that a man's art is neither more nor less than the expression of himself, and that in order to obtain an exalted expression his first business is with himself."

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to see him one afternoon.

"Look here, old fellow," he said, "what's the matter? I know I was ungentlemanly about the handkerchief, but that is no reason why you should cut us all this way. Can't you forget about it?"

"Why, Jennings, old boy, I haven't cut anybody."

"No, but you're tired of us, and you can't hide it. Come down the river with us to-night. The fellows have got a yacht, and we'll have supper on board, with plenty of champagne. Won't you come?"

"Jennings," he said, "do I look like a man who would make good company at a champagne supper? You know what's the matter with me. Why don't you just sensibly drop me?"

Jennings begged and mocked and bullied, all in a good natured way, but his friend was firm. When he went out Hayward locked the studio door and drew his half finished picture from behind a curtain.

"She was right," he said to himself. Constance called. He dreamed of his picture as being hung in the Salon and of her seeing it there. By and by it was finished. It crossed the water, and the dream he had dreamed came true.

The beauty of the conception dawned upon her slowly. Pale and trembling she stood there, forgetful of place, and the things around her. At length she knew what she meant to him; that his art at last rang true because he had loved her enough to be a man for her sake.

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Endorse New Arcanum Rates Regents of Twenty-Seven Subordinate Councils in St. Louis Satisfied With Increase

A Boston, Mass., despatch says: The "committee of fifteen," which will manage the campaign in Massachusetts against the Royal Arcanum new rates, and take the initiative in urging other states to follow its example, held its first meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

The Regents' Association of St. Louis, Mo., and vicinity, composed of the heads of twenty-seven subordinate councils in and about St. Louis has sent him the following resolutions:

"We, the undersigned regents of the various councils of the Royal Arcanum in St. Louis Mo., and vicinity, after thorough investigation, regard the new rates as adopted by the Supreme Council of the order, at its recent session, as just, scientifically equitable, timely and necessary to perpetuate the Royal Arcanum for all time."

"We heartily commend them to the favorable consideration of our entire membership, as well as to those desiring to connect themselves with a safe and sound fraternity."

Why a Circus Draws Crowds

By this time almost every person living in this city and throughout the adjacent territory for many miles knows that the great Sells and Downs show will exhibit in Bloomsburg Thursday, July 27.

The Sells & Downs Show is a circus, and an up-to-date circus. Every detail connected with its presentation of a lengthy but novel program is carefully executed with an eye single to the satisfaction of the circus patrons.

While the Sells & Downs Show has usual drawing power of a circus, it also possesses unusual magnetism in the way of securing patronage, because of its unequalled popularity. The old time and regular circus goes always notice something new and refreshing about the Sells & Downs circus.

The best days to fish will be Monday the 3rd; Wednesday the 19th; Thursday the 20th; the next best days will be Monday the 10th, and Tuesday the 25th.

Big Peach Crop

The biggest peach crop will undoubtedly be gathered from the big orchard on the farm of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, near Rockview, in Benner township, Centre county.

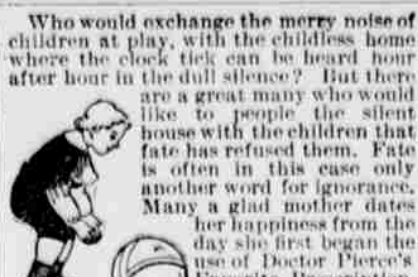
To Settle Suit by Dividing Horse

Alderman Donohue, of Wilkes-Barre, whose Solomonesque judgments have made him famous, tried a case Saturday to settle the disputed ownership of a horse.

"Then the front part goes to the prosecutor," the alderman declared, "and I will take the hoofs and iron shoes."

The next moment he called a constable and ordered him to shoot the horse, whereupon both defendant and prosecutor began pleading vigorously for its life, and the alderman gave them four days in which to settle the case.

The life insurance companies are credited with paying out in the country last year the immense sum of \$340,000,000. These are big figures but they are not equal to the amounts collected during the same period by the companies.



Who would exchange the merry noise of children at play, with the childless home where the clock tick can be heard hour after hour in the dull silence? But there are a great many who would like to people the silent home with the children that fate has refused them.



Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a specific for the chronic ailments peculiar to women. It cures them perfectly and permanently. No other medicine can do for women so much as "Favorite Prescription."

Uoles For July

July begins and ends with new moon; this will cause the cold to battle with the heat elements.

Mercury and Vulcan having the inside track will cause severe thunder showers high gales, hail, etc. While some sections are having plenty of rain, other sections will feel the want of it.

Stomach trouble and fevers will become epidemic in many localities. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 31st are low ebb days of dangerous character.

Children born from July 1st to July 23rd will be sympathetic and emotional and exceedingly sensitive, and so organized as to be difficult to manage.

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I Give Honor to Whom it is Due

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy of Rondout, N. Y., cured me of Bright's disease and Gravel. Four of the best physicians had failed to relieve me.

A Sustainin Diet

These are the enervating days, when, as somebody has said, men drop by the sunstroke as if the Day of Fire had dawned. They are fraught with danger to people whose systems are poorly sustained.

HUMPHREYS'

- Specifics cure by acting directly on the sick parts without disturbing the rest of the system. No. 1 for Fevers. No. 2 "Worms. No. 3 "Teething. No. 4 "Diarrhea. No. 7 "Coughs. No. 8 "Nervalgia. No. 9 "Headaches. No. 10 "Dyspepsia. No. 11 "Suppressed Periods. No. 12 "Whites. No. 13 "Croup. No. 14 "The Skin. No. 15 "Rheumatism. No. 16 "Malaria. No. 19 "Catarrh. No. 20 "Whooping Cough. No. 27 "The Kidneys. No. 30 "The Bladder. No. 77 "La Grippe.

Can't Spend Money to Build Platform

It was discovered on Thursday that Wilkes Barre has no legal right to spend money for erecting a platform on which President Roosevelt may make his address when he gets there on August 10.

The question was referred to Solicitor McHugh for investigation, and, while he found no law permitting or forbidding it, he discovered that citizens of Harrisburg had raised the point in 1877, when President Hayes was to visit there, and the court had sustained the citizens and ordered the Council not to spend the money, on the ground that there was no appropriation for the purpose.

Consequently Wilkes Barre will not erect the platform, and it will be built and paid for by the Catholic Total Abstinence Union and the Mine Workers, whose guest the President will be.

Town of 200 That Can't Grow

With a population of 200, New Salem borough, near York, has not had a birth in over a year, and but few children reside in that town.

There are 58 families and 17 widows in the town; one-fourth of the population has passed the age of fifty years. Nine persons have passed the age of four score, and 19 three score and ten.

The older residents of the place still talk of the ravages of a lung disease which carried off some twenty men about eighteen years ago.

These men all worked in a flint mill and were unable to stand the dust.

Wheat Less Than a Full Crop

The farmers who are just now in the midst of wheat harvesting, have made the discovery that the crop will not be a full one, probably not measure up to more than three-fourths of a crop.

The heads are said to be well filled, but the wheat stands thinly on the ground and the straw is short. Farmers do not know what to attribute the failure to unless it be to the slight drought which prevailed for a while in the Spring.

All the Money in California

is not from its gold fields. Fortunes are made from the wheat fields and the fruit farms. Why not investigate the chances there? Through train service Chicago to California, via Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Line.

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According to a last Sunday's

theatrical paper, Sarah Bernhardt says, man's attire is ridiculous. It may be so, but the lady must admit that she can't see through it.

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