

TO A ROSEBUD.

O, happy little rosebud upon her dusky hair! Like some sweet star that gleams afar, You lighten my despair.

POLYTE.

A happy home that of the Sigaults—the husband John, a sober workman, his wife Theresa, gentle and honest. To complete the family an urchin 9 years of age, M. Polyte—a very devil, said his father, and with that always first in school.

At that little world lived without any other care but the future of M. Polyte. Father and mother prepared to drain themselves when that would become necessary, as Polyte had already shown some inclination toward the learning of an art whose apprenticeship costs a great deal.

The member of the institute de France, who was a kind of wag, declared that this exclamation might pass for an unequivocal manifestation of an artist's vocation.

From this memorable day, when Theresa had to work late in cutting, repairing and washing the clothes and linen of her men, she said to the boy: "All right now, only when I cannot work you more, monsieur le sculpteur, it is you who shall work for me."

So it was, when the molder left Theresa alone in the house, he said to Polyte, "Boy, I am going out and place mamma under your protection; you stand sentinel!"

During the following night he had the fever of a patriotic one. His despair broke out into frantic invests against his system of a happy husband and a timorous father, so much that Theresa, although she had nothing of a heroine in her, ended by plagiarizing that famous phrase, "And now, go to fight."

Since the month of March, 1871, poverty had stricken hard the home previously so contented. The slowly gathered resources had foundered quickly. Theresa, worn out by disquietude and privations, fell sick, and the terrible days of the Commune happening unexpectedly, the situation of the mother and child became very critical.

Sturdy Old Gen. Cameron. I saw much of Gen. Cameron while he was in New York. He is a remarkable specimen of physical preservation. At 88 years of age he still carries himself nearly erect, and but for an injury he suffered to his back three or four weeks ago would be able to match himself with the average man of 60 years of age.

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"Good-by, dearest. I hope that the rigid sentry has performed his duty to your utmost satisfaction. I kiss both of you a million times. Your husband and father, 'JOHN SIGAULT.'"

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