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where he saw the announcement that Miss Louise Neville, a talented young artist, would make her first public appearance in the United States.

"Louise Neville may be Edna Lewis," he thought. "It is not probable that she would appear under her own name under the alias adopted by her father."

"With the sincere regards of an old St. Louis friend who has often enjoyed in private the accomplishments that the public are now given an opportunity to applaud."

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CAPTURING AN EARL.
"La mat!" exclaimed Mrs. Jenkins to her daughter Matilda, "who do you think has arrived at the hotel?"

"Any of our friends?" inquired the daughter.

"I wish I could say he was," said Mrs. Jenkins. "No, Matilda, it is no less than a member of the British nobility."

"Because I happened to be in the post-office a few minutes since, and with my own eyes I saw a letter upon the wheel directed Earl Spencer, Jonesboro hotel."

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departure, as he sat in his room smoking a cigar. "I really think they have taken quite a fancy to me. My good looks, I think it must be, for I haven't a single recommendation besides on earth. Well, if I find the girl has money I may improve my advantage and offer myself in matrimony. Money would be very acceptable just at present."

"I will be ready to imagine that Mrs. Jenkins exerted her culinary skill to the utmost in preparing for her illustrious guest. As he saw the numerous delicacies spread out before him he felt a glow of joy pervade his frame, and determined on the spot to lay siege to the heart of Matilda."

"The reader will easily imagine that his advances were readily met by the young lady, who was quite enraptured by the banquet which she had achieved over the heart of an earl. Nor was her mother less gratified. The good lady held her head higher than ever, and speedily anticipated the time when, as mother-in-law of an earl, she would take precedence of all who had hitherto ventured to look down upon her."

"You know, Matilda," she said, "that when you are a countess I shall of course be dowager countess or countess dowager. I really don't know which. I wish I could find somewhere a book of the British peerage; then I could find out without any trouble." She thought of going to the bookkeeper and asking him to send for the book, but on second thought decided that it would be more prudent not to run any such risk of revealing her aspirations, even if she were obliged to remain in ignorance a little while longer.

"One point, however, puzzled her a little. Notwithstanding the very intimate terms of the earl with her family he never ventured any allusion to the fact that he was an English nobleman, or the amount of his income, which Mrs. Jenkins would have been very glad to learn."

"But I suppose, Matilda," she remarked to her daughter, "that he is determined to remain incognito, so as to make sure that you marry him for himself alone. I have read of such cases in stories, but I never expected to have any thing like it in my own family. Really I think it is quite romantic. On the whole I guess it would be best to say nothing about it until you are fairly married."

"Matilda acted upon her mother's prudent advice, and although her curiosity was as strong as her parent's she carefully guarded against betraying it to the earl."

"At last one memorable day she burst into her mother's room with a triumphant glow on her face."

"Has he proposed?" exclaimed Mrs. Jenkins in great agitation.

"Yes, mother," was the reply of the overjoyed Matilda. "He told me that he loved me to distraction."

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BRIEF MENTION.
W. D. Simpson, chief justice of the supreme court of South Carolina, is dead. The Chickasaw have sent to Washington a list of 60,000 intruders upon their land.

The supreme court of Michigan has established the validity of the graded railway fare act.

A farmer in Mahaska, Ia., found a solid gold nugget on his farm that weighed seventy ounces.

Christ Knelling, a Dayton, O., tailor, put \$3,000 in a cigar box and buried it for safety, and someone stole it.

A fight in a negro church at Oxmore, Ala., resulted in one death, two fatally wounded and several slightly injured.

A Venezuela man with New York said that grain was rotting in that country for the want of laborers to harvest it.

A fruit grower at Brocton, N. Y., has picked nearly 1,300 pounds of grapes from half an acre of ground this year.

Lorin Fletcher of Minneapolis has just sold for \$134,000 a corner lot in that city which cost him \$5,000 twenty years ago.

Although Cuba has offered \$100,000 for the bandit, Manuel Garcia, dead or alive, he continues to hold undisputed sway in his territory.

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