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Frederick Webster, of Chicago, Denies Report that Miniatures Are Not Genuine.

ONE PUT TO TEST RUINED

Paintings of Mrs. E. C. Mears and Her Two Daughters Are Object of Attack by Reginald Harrison—Suit Threatened.

Statements by Reginald Harrison, an artist of this city, that three miniature portraits produced for E. C. Mears, of 888 Everett street, are not genuine, but mere watercolors over a photograph, have brought Frederick Webster, a well-known Chicago artist living in Evanston, to Portland to defend his art and his honor.

The portraits are one each of Mrs. Mears and the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mears, and cost \$200 each. They were submitted yesterday to the expert opinion of a number of local artists, photographers and chemists of recognized ability, including Colonel C. E. S. Wood, E. Aune, Charles Butterworth, Miss Lillie V. O'Ryan, Charles Landolf and others. None of them declared, after the closest inspection and chemical tests, that they were other than paintings as represented by Webster.

Retraction Is Demanded.

Webster demanded a retraction of the statement and threatened to bring suit. He has engaged an attorney and will consult with him today on the advisability of starting court proceedings.

As a long drawn-out legal controversy will require more time than Webster cares to spend in Portland, he has agreed to reproduce the portrait of Mrs. Mears, which was ruled by chemists in yesterday's effort to establish that a photographic film was beneath it, and to have an artist or committee of artists of Mr. Harrison's choosing observe him in every detail of the work.

If this committee then declares that the painting is done as represented, Webster will ask Harrison for a public retraction of his original statements, which, he says, are injurious to his reputation and damaging to his character as a man. Harrison will consult an attorney today and then deliver an answer.

Harrison has been in Portland but a short time. He lives at 609 Ford street road and has been doing some painting for local people. Several weeks ago he was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Talbot. It was there that he met Mrs. Mears. In the course of their conversation he revealed that he painted miniatures, whereupon Mrs. Mears told him that she recently had three miniatures painted by Mr. Webster.

Harrison Calls on Mears.

Harrison said he never heard of Mr. Webster, but expressed a desire to see the pictures. Mrs. Mears gave him permission to call and see them. He went to the Mears home the next morning. No sooner had he seen the three paintings than he declared:

"Why, Mrs. Mears, those are not paintings. They are photographs, colored. They are not worth \$20 apiece."

Mr. Mears was in Chicago at the time and his wife immediately telegraphed him the circumstances. He called upon Mr. Webster, who lives at 1423 Chicago avenue, Evanston—a suburb of Chicago—and demanded an explanation. Mr. Webster established them and there to Mr. Mears' satisfaction that his work is genuine, but he sought by telegraph a retraction from Harrison, as follows:

"I demand an immediate retraction, both publicly and privately, of the statement regarding my portraits made by you to Mrs. E. C. Mears and her friends. I can and will, if necessary, prove in court that your statement is false. My lawyer's letter follows."

Harrison did not see fit to reply to this message, whereupon Webster wrote him as follows:

"I requested Mr. Mears to wire Mrs. Mears giving you the privilege of removing the color from any of the Mears portraits by which you may satisfy yourself that your statement regarding my work is incorrect and that they are not colored photos as you state, but that, in painting, I shall insist, however, in return that you make a sworn statement of the result, one copy to be mailed to me and one given to Mrs. Mears, and same published in The Oregonian."

Personal Character Hit, He Says.

"You must realize that in such false accusations as you make, you attack my art, but also my personal character as a man, neither of which I am willing to let pass unnoticed. I shall examine your statement in reply, as I infer I am dealing with a gentleman who is simply laboring under a grave mistake."

This letter, written on July 7, also brought no response, so Dr. and Mrs. Webster came to Portland, arriving here yesterday. Plans for a vacation trip to Europe were started by their hasty trip to the Coast.

Webster brought with him numerous specimens of his work, as well as a large number of photographs of paintings performed by him. As further evidence of his good faith he has brought an invitation issued by the Moffett Studio, of Chicago, to attend a loan exhibition of portraits in oil, pastel and miniatures on ivory executed by Webster last year, the subject of his work as announced including such well-known Chicago persons as William B. Phillips, Horace Woolworth, Mrs. Frederick H. Bartlett, Mrs. Edward M. Holbrook, Robert Dunlap, Miss Margaret Melvin, Mrs. George Jackson, Edward V. Price, Raymond O. Evans and others.

Webster Admits Difference.

Webster admits that his work is unlike that of other painters of miniatures, but declares that it is an improvement over the old method. He produces his art on ivory the same as others, but uses a combination of alum and ground glass with his water colors to give a lasting tone and permanency. The material will prevent the picture from washing off like the ordinary miniature.

Colonel Wood, when he first saw the work yesterday, said it looked to him like a painting over a photograph, but after it had been treated with chemicals which failed to disclose a film by means of which the photograph might have been transferred to the ivory, declared that he was willing to accept Webster's statement of genuineness.

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DIXON ASKS COUNTY AID

Pioneer's Relatives Assert Applicant Will Be Given Care.

John Dixon, a pioneer resident of the county, is again trying to secure relief from the County Commissioners in face of the fact that his relatives have frequently informed the County Court by letter and otherwise that they are ready and willing to care for him.

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