

THE WHITE DOVE.

The choir was full of children Singing with heart and word, With melody almost divine, The praises of the Lord.

But not to listen only; With heavenly zeal and love, The angels sing the melodies Of the great choirs above.

So heaven and earth were blended, In those sweet jubilees, The unheard voices throbbing Through the etherial skies.

Down on the air it floated, Its wings all silver bright, Now in the shadowed chancel, Now on its pillar'd height.

O Christ, thou loving Saviour, Thine emblem was the bird! As round and round it circled, By the grand choral stirred.

THE CRYSTAL.

Many years ago I was boarding in a well known house at the lower end of Broadway, kept by a jolly, light eyed, light haired, fat German lady, the widow of a "professor," Mme. Steinberg.

One day there came to our house a foreign gentleman to board. No one knew his nationality, and to this day I am ignorant of it. He spoke English fluently and idiomatically correct, but with such an accent as he might have learned by being educated abroad; yet he was not an Englishman, for he said so.

"Great men," he would say, "are but the embodiment of an abstraction, and as purely accidental as anything within the meaning of the word."

Most cultivated and educated persons I have met have possessed hobbies of some sort, and Stalberg's hobby was the collection of crystals. His collection, however, was certainly the finest I ever saw, containing specimens of quartz, spar and other minerals, and even the diamond in various forms.

"Not so diverse as you think, my dear friend," said he. "for I, at least, think that where two powers, apparently different in form and character, produce the same results, if exercised in the same manner, there must be consanguinity somewhere."

"The magnet attracts," said I, "and the crystal, excited by friction, will do the same, but so will a glass bottle or a stick of sealing wax."

He smiled, and going to his crystal cabinet selected from it one of the larger ones; then he said, as he returned to my side, "Sit easily in your chair while I show you something else the crystal will do, and mark your sensations." I took an easy position, resting my hands on the arms of the chair, and waited.

When I became conscious the window was open, and the cool October wind blowing upon me; my forehead was wet, and my chair had been wheeled in front of the window. Stalberg sat by me, and I observed that he looked paler than usual and anxious.

"Nothing," he replied. "I do not care to wait until you should come naturally out of your coma, so I used physical

means to awaken you. What do you think of the power of the crystal now?"

I replied that I had never heard of it before, and described my sensations to him; but he did not pay much attention, and his mind seemed distraught.

"But how is it about the magnet?" said I, "you have not yet proved to me any identity between these two forces."

"You are right, though I had no idea of talking in my sleep, or telling tales out of school; but really I would like you to see her and converse with her."

My description of my friend, and my assurance of his scholarly attainments, roused sufficient curiosity in my pupil to render her eager to see him. So an appointment was made, with the consent of her mother, for the following day, and, punctual to the hour, we entered Mrs. Cameron's drawing room.

The ladies appeared immediately after, and, presenting my friend, what was my surprise to see Miss Cameron suddenly pause, trembling violently, while her face became vividly pale.

Somehow or other we drifted into the subject of mesmerism, and I mentioned the affair of the crystal. Ella was interested, and begged that Mr. Stolberg would give her an opportunity of witnessing its effects. He agreed willingly, and a future occasion was promised when the experiment should be made on the young lady herself.

A few days later, on reaching our boarding house, I was informed by Mme. Steinberg that Mr. Stolberg had packed all his property, with orders to send it on board a packet, which was to sail on the following day for Hamburg. A note to me, left by himself, informed me that he had received letters which required his immediate departure, but that he would not deprive Miss Cameron of her sense, and would meet me at her mother's house in the evening at the hour which had been named.

At that time and place I found him, apparently making himself quite at home; and presently opening a small box which he had brought with him he drew from it the same crystal with which he had operated upon me.

Seating himself in front of her as she reclined easily in her arm chair he commenced the mysterious passes with his crystal. I watched her closely, and as he moved it slowly in front of her I could perceive that she gradually grew pale; then her eyelids dropped, and she was apparently in a sound sleep. Her mother called to her, touched her, and even used some gentle violence to awaken her, but without the slightest apparent effect.

Pointing the crystal at her Stolberg drew silently backward toward the door, when, to our astonishment, the sleeping figure rose, or rather glided after him, out of the door, into the hall, down the stairs, and as he opened the front door Stolberg called to Mrs. Cameron, who stood with me at the head of the stairs watching the results of this wonderful influence.

"You see, madame, she would follow me anywhere," and, as though to prove it, she passed out of the door, which Stolberg shut, and, to my horror, I heard him lock it after him.

I flew down the two flights of stairs into the basement, my brain turning mad, it seemed to me, and reached the sidewalk by the lower door just in time to see a carriage turning at full speed the next corner.

Returning to Mrs. Cameron I found her in a swoon, out of which, as she awakened to sensibility, she passed into convulsions and at midnight was a corpse. Meanwhile the police had been informed, messages sent in all directions, but of Stolberg or his unhappy victim I have never heard since.—Buffalo News.

Illustrious Women of Italy. Italy has a great organization of illustrious women, of which Queen Marguerite is the honorary president. It is one of the most remarkable associations of the day, composed of the most eminent women in Rome, and before it twice each week the most celebrated orators of the day lecture on subjects of the education and advancement of women.

Among its members are the Countess Gigliucci, for whom Rossini wrote his "Stabat Mater;" the Countess Lovatelli, the most distinguished literary woman in Rome and the only woman member of the German Institute of Archeology (at the celebration of the society this tall, slight and refined lady sat down among her gray haired colleagues, a radiant vision in white silk embroidered with sparkling beads); Signora Mancini, who has translated "The Cricket on the Hearth" into Italian and written many romances, and Louisa Sarardo, who is devoted to historical research.—London Letter.

Under Suspicion. "Somebody has picked my pocket," cried the Fat Woman. "Whom do you suspect?" asked the Midget. "That Sneaking Armsless Wonder over there has a conscious look on his face. I believe it's him."—Puck.

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"In this department certainly medicine has achieved its greatest victories. It is a thought full of encouragement to know that such diseases as typhoid fever and diphtheria may ultimately be stamped out and be as rare among us as leprosy and smallpox. In this work the profession requires and can often obtain the intelligent co-operation of city authorities and the public. People scarcely understand how much has already been done, nor do they yet appreciate the possibilities of preventive medicine.

"The second great advance which medicine has made relates to the knowledge which has been gained of the agents producing diseases. Dating from the studies on fermentation by Pasteur, and the early work of Lister, we have gradually learned to recognize the importance of the structures known as bacteria, which has revolutionized the practice of surgery and gynecology. Today surgery is a new art, and hundreds now recover after operations from which hundreds previously died. The information which we now have on these subjects has been slowly and painfully acquired, here a little and there a little; but the outcome of it all is that as clean streets and good drains and pure water mean municipal health, so absolute cleanliness and absence of contamination mean in great part freedom from infection.

"So universally present are the infective agents, particularly of suppuration, that it is only by the most scrupulous care that the infection of wounds can be prevented, and it is now generally acknowledged that the highest type of this antisepticism is obtained, not by the use of various solutions which destroy the germs, but by such measures of cleanliness as effectually prevent the possibility of their presence.

"The researches showing the relation of special microscopic organisms to special diseases are likely to lead to the most important results. The cultivation of the germs of disease outside of the body has enabled us to study the products of their growth and in several instances from them to obtain materials which, when injected into an animal, act as a sort of vaccine against the disease itself. The hope of obtaining in some of the most important diseases vaccines which will bear the same relation to them as ordinary vaccine to smallpox is very reasonable and likely ere long to be realized. In another direction, too, the studies of Koch have shown that in the growth of these bacilli materials are obtained which may act most powerfully upon the body and attack the elements of the disease itself. His discovery of the action of the product of the growth of the tubercle bacilli upon tuberculous tissue ranks as one of the most remarkable of late years.

"CHANCES OF LIVING ARE BETTER. "But I hear the householder say: 'All that is very well, but Tommy gets the measles and Mary has the mumps and Susie gets the whooping cough just as my grandmother tells me her children had fifty years ago. My doctor's bills are possibly a little larger than were father's, and I know his drug bill could not have been as heavy as mine for the last quarter. This may be perfectly true, for the millenium has not yet come, but it is perfectly true that today Mrs. Householder's risks have been reduced to a minimum in the necessary domestic emergencies, and her children's chances of reaching maturity have been enormously enhanced.

"The third great advance has been the diffusion in the profession and among the public of more rational ideas upon the treatment of disease. Dieting and nursing have supplanted in great part bleeding and phlebotomy. We know now that a majority of febrile affections run a definite course uninfluenced by drugs. We recognize daily the great fact that disease is only a modification of the normal processes of health, and that there is a natural tendency to recover. We cannot claim in the medicinal treatment of disease to have made great positive advances, still we have learned not to do what we did for the poor patients a great gain. The past half century has placed only a half dozen absolutely indispensable drugs which must be used by all indiscriminately who practice the healing art.

"A desire to take medicine is perhaps the great feature which distinguishes man from other animals. Why this appetite should have developed, how it could have grown to its present dimensions, what it will ultimately reach, are interesting problems too deep for me. "Some of the brightest hopes of humanity are with the medical profession. Disease will always be with us, but we may look forward confidently to the time when typhoid shall be as rare as typhus and tuberculosis as leprosy. Man, naturally a transgressor daily, both in ignorance and deliberately breaking the laws of health, will always need doctors, but the great get up of preventable diseases will disappear. The progress will be gradual. What has been done is but an earnest of the things that shall be done. Amid many disappointments we must not be impatient. Science moves but slowly, slowly creeping from point to point."—Baltimore Sun.

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