



"AN UNPROFESSIONAL MODEL."

THE sun declining on the coast of Norway made the wide fjord shimmer like liquid gold below the purple mountains. Christine sat at the foot of the cliff dreaming—not that she was asleep, but lost in reverie. The sun made her long braided hair shine like a halo as she rested her cheek on her hand and dreamed. Her thoughts were far away, and she did not notice that some one had quietly rowed his boat within a short distance of where she sat. He was evidently an artist, for at his feet in the boat lay an open portfolio.

He dropped his oars, entranced at the unexpected and lovely vision. The flower-like face of the girl, the quaint costume—a short brown woolen skirt, a chemise of snowy linen, a black velvet bodice and a red stocking cap on her gleaming hair.

What a study for his next exhibition! Snatching his pencil, he made a hasty sketch of the little figure, with the cliffs looming up behind, the placid water almost touching her feet. She was surely a fairy of this land of romance, and presently the little elves would come to seek her. He could almost fancy them whispering to her now. Having finished the sketch, he gently rowed ashore.

Christine stared with surprise as he leaped from the boat, but was reassured by the respectful manner in which he addressed her.

"I beg your pardon for intruding," said he politely. "I had no idea there was anyone in this region but myself."



"THERE COULD BE NO MISTAKING HER." But will you kindly tell me the name of this place? It is marvellously beautiful. And he sat down on a rock near by.

"That is the Naerofjord," she replied, and her eyes seemed fathoms deep as she spoke. "It is very beautiful, but a sad thing happened here."

"What was that? Do tell me," he asked, at the same time making mental notes of the lovely model he intended to reproduce on the other side of the sea.

"Many years ago," she went on, "a beautiful maiden lived on this mountain, and she sang so sweetly in the evening that all were charmed who listened to her. She was merry and happy, and her songs were gay as any bird's. But one day a stranger came in his boat—even as you come now—and hearing the maiden singing as she sat here he praised her voice and said many things which pleased her. And after that they met here every evening during the summer time, and she was so happy she sang only for love of him. Though he lived in a distant country, she consented to become his bride. He promised to come for her when the leaves fell in the forest, but he did not come. The snow covered the mountains and the spring melted it, and then she knew she would see him no more. And her sad songs seemed like a moan as the wind carried them out to sea, till one night a terrible storm swept the fjord and the girl did not come home. They found her there by the rock in the morning, where the waves had washed her body on the sand. And some say that on stormy nights you can hear her moaning by the cliffs, for she still mourns for the lover who promised to come. I never sit here at sunset but I think of her."

"Thank you," responded the artist. "I didn't know the story, but I can quite believe it of such a place as this. Do you live on the mountain?" And he noted the small feet and delicate hands, which did not look as if they had ever done much work.

"Yes, I have lived here with grandfather since I was a little child. My parents were lost at sea. Would you like to see grandfather?" she asked, without a shadow of mistrust or apprehension. "He is very fond of company."

The artist readily assenting, Christine led him through the gorge to the other side of the mountain, where a fine old house stood in its shelter.

The old sailor looked a true descendant of the vikings as he sat in the porch, from where he could view the fjord in all its changing majesty.

He welcomed the traveler royally, and a servant brought him a draught of wine and some curious confections. Christine sat at her grandfather's feet listening to his wonderful tales of the northern seas, and the moon was high in the heavens when the artist departed after promising the old man to return the next day for a sail in his queer-looking vessel.

The rooms of the Art Club were thronged with artists, connoisseurs, patrons and men of wealth and fashion.

In one corner a butterfly group of girls hovered round a canvas marked "384."

"Oh, what is that?" "Did you ever see anything so charming?" "What lovely hair!" "What is it called?"

The catalogue answered the question: "An Evening Dream in Norway, by O. B."

Suddenly there was a hush, and the admiring group turned to look at a fair, golden-haired girl who had just entered talking to a distinguished-looking man. Though dressed in the prevailing fashion, there could be no mistaking her. She was undoubtedly the original of the Norwegian maiden in "384."

Not without result had this man with the keen sense of romance spent two months amid the enchanting atmosphere of the Norwegian lakes and mountains, in company with the grand old Norseman and his lovely granddaughter. Unlike the lover in the ancient legend, he did not promise to return for his bride, but won and married her on the very mountain where at sunset he had first seen her dreaming by the fjord, and carried her off to his western home, to inspire him in his art forever.—Boston Post.

AN EXPENSIVE BET.

The Winner Suffered a Greater Loss in His Personal Property.

"Speaking of practical jokes," said a Canal street business man to a Mobile Herald reporter, "I saw that old omelet trick played on a fellow in Atlanta the other night and I was really amazed that he didn't go on the warpath then and there."

"The thing occurred at a restaurant where I was taking supper with four chance acquaintances made on the trip. One of the party was a cigar salesman from Richmond, and after supper he amused us with some sleight of hand tricks. Finally he turned to a North Georgia merchant, who was in the crowd, and asked if he had ever seen an omelet made in a hat."

"The merchant was a portly, rather pompous individual, and replied, after some thought, that he had not. 'Well,' said the tobacco man, 'I'll bet the cigars for us two that I can make an omelet in the crown of your new silk hat without damaging it in the slightest degree.' I knew what was coming and began to giggle hysterically, but the Georgian remarked solemnly that he knew he would lose, but was willing to pay 20 cents to see the trick. With that he handed over his hat, which was brand-new, and the tobacco salesman proceeded to send for some eggs and broke several into the crown. 'He stirred them up with a knife and then held that hat over the gas. In about three seconds it was a ghastly, hideous ruin, dripping raw eggs through a big hole burned in the top. 'By jove!' he exclaimed, 'you have beat me out of the cigars. I've forgotten how to do the trick.' As the Georgian examined his wrecked tile face was a study for a painter. A few hours later I encountered him at the hotel, and he took me aside.

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