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THE MANSION.

[ST EPHE.]

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The playful irony which had given to it the name by which we knew it, "The Mansion" would have been unkind if it had been directed against that poverty of idea as well as of purse which so often marks the humble dwellings of the poor; but all indifferent to cottage beauty or ironical epithets, the toad like house squatted on the hillside and winked its little window-eyes towards the east; and saw there, stretched out before it, a landscape grand and beautiful as was ever seen in poetic vision. Snow-clad mountains, purple foot-hills, green forests and smiling farm lands, a beautiful river where white sails flitted over the blue water as did the sea gulls in the air above, stately trees upon the banks where birds flitted and sang gaily and under whose shade groups of spotted cattle and white robed sheep wandered at will, a glimpse of the busy city as it hugged the winding bank of the stream where it swept under the bridge and hurried away towards the hungry sea; these in their varying moods of rejoicing or gloom, the little house saw with its little window eyes.

Had it been in very truth a mansion and not the swart and crouched semblance of the reptile which may or may not carry a jewel in its head, this story would not have been written. It was only when Providence had placed in this rough setting a jewel which glowed there in its pale beauty for a time and then departed forever that we knew how well it had been named.

It was when spring had advanced a little, dropping a few green points on the bare brown branches and softening the harsh voices of the wind to gentler measures, that we saw movements about the little house which gave a hint that it was about to be occupied. There were some slight demonstrations of wrestling with the accumulated dust of months, and a few simple articles of household furniture put in their places; and toward evening when the western sky was lit up by the glory of the setting sun, a carriage stopped before the humble gate and an invalid woman carefully wrapped up, was borne in arms up the uneven pathway to the doubtful hospitalities of "The Mansion."

For several days we saw but little of our new neighbors; a man whom we rightly guessed to be husband, nurse and housekeeper went in and out of the place with a brisk and cheerful manner, which indicated that he had at command everything essential to comfort. At length some simple errand of inquiry about the resources of the neighborhood brought him to our door, and his errand done he said with a cheerful and good humored air, that his wife had been sick but was now out of the doctor's hands and would be pleased to have a call from us. While the rain was falling through the alternate shade and sunshine of an April day, we paid our first visit to the "lady of the mansion." Through the comfortless little front room and an inner bed room to the narrow little kitchen we were ushered by the husband who presented us to his wife "Mrs. Grey." Upon a settee contrived of chairs and blankets where the comfort of the kitchen stove might be had the invalid received us She was neither young nor beautiful, nor cultured as the world counts these things, and yet without the aid of personal adornments or attractive surroundings, there was in her face a rare beauty—a beauty not of an earthly sort, but such as comes from a pure and high spirit filled with love and sanctified by suffering—"I am happy to see my neighbors" said she, as she gave her thin little hand in welcome, "this is so beautiful a place that I have come here to grow strong. I think all who live here must be good and pleasant to know." We had not expected such a greeting but without heeding our hinted demurrer, she went on saying. "I have been ill, but now I am getting well, I only need tonics and my husband's nursing, and when the spring flowers come, I expect to bloom out too." Simply as a pleased child she prattled on, hopeful and happy from the blessedness within herself, and wholly unconscious of the threatening evil from without. It needed but a moment to see that she had entered as a little child into the Kingdom of Heaven and dwelt there. What to her was it that poverty, discomforts, disease and death itself glared upon her with insistent menace! The angels of faith and love were with her upon her right hand and upon her left; and living in the light of their presence and led by them, she knew no danger and felt no fear.

The contrast between husband and wife was very marked; he, healthy, strong and vigorous; she, wasted by disease and helpless as an infant; he watchful—anticipating every want;—she receiving with gentlest acceptance every kind office. Husband and wife were all in all to each other in simplicity of faith and purity and entirety of affection; and so from the perfection of their blended lives there shone forth a radiance which changed the poor little house into a temple of happiness and love. Day by day we watched this interesting pair seeing clearly enough that disease had laid his relentless hand upon the little wife, and that death alone could release her; but they saw it not; their hopeful eyes were steadfastly turned away from the cloud of gathering sorrow which already filled so much of their life's sky; and the twain wandered on in their love-lighted pathway trusting in good, uncomplaining of suffering, and unconscious of trouble to come.

But April had now done her gracious work in "redressing the wrongs of winter." The swan-flower trees were already shining and the pussy willows had thrown off their glistening caps. The wake robin was astir, and violets and anemones were abloom embroidering the green hillsides; and soon May, "queen of blossoms," would come scattering with bounteous hand fresh life and flowers everywhere. Would the patient gentle sufferer of The Mansion whose spirit was daily filled with the fragrance of a divine bestowing, soon bloom like a flower in that other garden of God?

She was always on her bed now; the end was drawing near. Jack, as she called her husband, was ready and skillful as ever but seemed perplexed, almost doubting that she had fallen ill again. "Poor Mandy" he would say, "is a long time punished." We tried as best we could to ease her. The doctor came again in answer to their call; but whether from tenderness or the want of it, he only left her a soothing potion, and gave no hint of the hopelessness of the case. Perhaps it was well. The Father himself would speak the word at the proper moment, and as he tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, so he mitigates the sorrow of his children in their bereavement and suffering.

Poor Jack was growing troubled, not that he saw the danger, for he did not see it; but he was concerned lest "Mandy might be sick again." Perhaps it was in doubt of his own abilities in such an event that a servant maid was brought into the house, and kind people even called in; perhaps it was from a desire that due homage should be paid to his wife, whom he could not have served with profounder reverence had she been Queen of England and himself an humble courtier dependent upon her grace; but he still continued nurse and housekeeper, performing culinary wonders and offering them with daintiest care. The pale face was lying very quiet on the pillow now, only the brave, dark eyes followed him lovingly wherever he moved, while the lips showed, as they had ever done, the same sweet content and courage to endure

May day had come with fairest sky and sweetest breath of flowers. An excited call from the servant and we hastened to the sick room. The dying woman was raised upon the bed, her head resting upon her husband's breast, her face was deeply flushed and her breathing heavy and rapid. With her eyes fixed upon her husband as though she could never cease to look she strove to speak. An agony of intense love was in her looks and tones. She knew that she was to be borne away from her other self and in the agony of that parting all other ills were swallowed up. The poor husband was heart broken; all were weeping and a wail of sorrow filled the room. It was a piteous scene and one never to be forgotten. We approached the bed and asked—"Is she going?" "Yes" was the answer. "Oh! that is well" said we—"the weary sufferer will find rest and the drooping flower will bloom in Heaven. The golden gate will open wide for her and the dear Lord will give her watch over you." She lay quiet and smiling while one by one the bands of the frail body were loosed and she slept to wake in Heaven.

Spring and summer had been gathered into Time's grand reservoir—the past; and the autumn winds were again piping through the bare brown branches. Jack Grey had wandered away into the country where his wife had spent her youth, a poor broken-winged creature—still chirruping cheerfully. He went thither hoping to find among these dear familiar scenes and in honest toil, comfort for his hungry heart. Workmen with jackscrews and rollers had stirred the little toad-like house from its repose on the hill-side—and guided its creeping journey to another less interesting spot where it rested again, and gave shelter to a fair woman and fairer children. A chill November day was drawing to a close, when a summons called us to the street door and there was Jack. Paler than we had seen him but cheerful he held in his hand a puzzling structure, made of innumerable small sticks, cut with a pocket knife and fitted together so that they formed a frame for a picture. Explaining this—"it was" he said "a gift in his wife's name because we had been so kind to her." And so the honest fellow true and tender to the heart's core—touched his hat and went away, leaving behind him a memorial of true love—richer than he knew.

Oregon boasts the most enterprising daily and weekly press of any state in the Union. There is no paper which so completely fills its field, giving the news and all the news to as large a section as does the *Oregonian*. One might as well miss a meal as an issue of Oregon's great journal. The *Statesman*, of Salem, is full of vim and enterprise and the Jacksonville *Times* is a marvel of what a country paper can be. Its success is due to the energy, enterprise and push of its proprietor. So all throughout the state can be found papers far ahead of similar publications in the east THE REVIEW feels well itself, looks back over the past three years of prosperity, pulls off its coat, so to speak, for the work before it for 1888. It is bound for the top.

Henry Villard is the man of affairs par excellence in this country. Jay Gould is the monster money machine, Villard the genius of financial operations. No misfortune can quell the impetuous but sure career of such men, because it is not based on reckless speculation. Mr. Villard is not one to "stay under," and that he is again becoming a power in America will be the signal for fresh activity on the part of investors and capitalists.

THE NEW RAILROAD.

S. F. Alta: The excursion of Californians to witness the driving of the last spike on the California and Oregon road was suggested by the Alta, and carried out successfully by the state board of trade. That organization took charge of affairs and secured a representation in the party from sixteen counties. These representatives were drawn from every leading industry and profession in the state. They are men who have been diligent in their business and are fit to stand before kings. Each in his way, they have created this new California, which is pushing its rivalry against the sunny side of Europe, for on this continent it has no competitor; and by reason of its products, which, dependent upon a unique climate, differ from all others, it has no home jealousies. The experience of this representative body of Californians has made them wise in estimating the capacity of a country, and so they went to Oregon as a jury of experts to see what is the promise of commercial advantage to follow the railway union of the states

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Since Oregon passed her plastic stage and became dry land, and her mountains were raised and her rivers received their appointed channels, she never passed a keener inspection than under the eyes of these gentlemen. We do not say they went there expecting to find a rival, but we know that they returned feeling that they had at last discovered at our own doors a region capable of the most valuable reciprocal trade. Oregon produce what we cannot, or what we will no because of other utilities in our soi which are better for us to follow, an California produces what is physicall barred to Oregon, or what there wo be lesser utility in the soil and the fore undesirable. It is as if in adjoining fields it were discovered that one grows cane and cotton, rice a tobacco, and in the other corn wheat, oats and rye, flax and and fruit. Such a situation does imply commercial rivalry, for it best field for mutual comm products. Such is the relation Oregon and California as discover these keen-sighted citizens state.

We must hereafter draw much fro Oregon and she must draw much from us. But let it be remembered that this railroad has not merely given us Oregon for these commercial exchanges. It has opened the north. Look at the map and see over what a tedious voyage by sea or journey by land Oregon Washington Territory and British Columbia had to seek the products o California. Look again and see tha the reciprocal conditions which begin in Oregon are heightened as you go north, that more and more of what we want is produced, and so the demand for what we have to give is increased and the commercial outlook rises w the increasing perspective. When t Canadian Pacific is tapped, which ev is not far away, San Francisco near the center of all rail com tion from New Orleans to Win

And when stubborn Manit finished her road to the north we will be on a belt railway from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson's Bay. The view is inspiring. It should tempt our young men into commercial life, for here is to be the world's best field for commercial genius. With a continent behind them and an ocean at their feet; San Francisco and Portland have an enviable destiny.

The Codlin Moth.

The following information is said to emanate from Mr. Campbell, the U. S. Consul to Auckland. He states that in that country is found an enemy to the codlin moth which he describes as follows: In the Wanganui district the natives plant in their orchards a vine called physianthus, which can be trained to run up the trunks of the apple trees and spread itself over the branches without any possible injury to the trees. It bears a profusion of fragrant whitish flowers that bloom from spring to autumn. They are filled with sweets and attract all sorts of honey-gathering insects. The codlin moth finds them as naturally as a duck finds water, and finding them, in order to reach the honey, it inserts its proboscis through a narrow cleft in the flower so shaped that although the proboscis can be readily inserted it cannot be withdrawn. The leaves act much as the wires of an entrance to an old-fashioned rat trap act, and holds the moth a prisoner till he dies. It is a genuine vegetable trap, baited and worked by Dame Nature herself.

If Mr. Campbell is correct and the plant he describes can be naturalized in America it would prove a boon indeed to the orchardist. Further advices relating to this plant will be looked forward to with interest.

The era of prosperity and advancement should strike Douglas county this year. The boom will arrive as advertising and on time. The resources of the county are as yet almost totally undeveloped, and the county, being as large as the state of Connecticut, with its sources as great, can support an equal population Now is the time to boom

FARMERS should remember that sufficient money to supply all the wants of their table can be made from poultry, eggs and butter. Never come to town to do a little trading but what you bring some articles of produce. Look around you at those who have been most successful and you will find this to have been their rule.

Strong efforts will be made by our citizens for the erection of a woolen mill at Roseburg during the present year. With a good strong pull all together it can be accomplished Remember the watch word for '88 is the "woolen mill."

THE REVIEW is determined to give Douglas county a paper of which it may be proud. The progress made during the past three years is but an earnest of the future.

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR.—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its sands of hopeless cases have cured. I shall be glad to se my remedy free to any of ye have consumption if they will express and post office address.

Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM
181 Pearl St., New York.