

THE TWO PATHS.

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A gentleman with an artistic cut of beard crossed the famous Signoria square in Florence, Italy, and turned into the entrance of the Uffizi gallery. Passing through the rooms, he stopped to look at the half finished copy of a Titian. The copyist, a shabbily dressed man, looked up and, divining that the visitor was a capable critic, asked in good American English for his opinion of his work.

"You being a fellow countryman of mine," replied the other, "I will give you a truthful opinion. You are making a botch of it."

The copyist sighed.

"Let me take your seat, and I will help you out."

In half an hour under the visitor's touch the copy was an exact replica of the original painting.

"There!" said the man who had finished it, "Come and dine with me this evening at my hotel. Nothing remains to complete the work but to take the freshness out of it."

The stranger accepted, ate the first good dinner he had had in a month, drank a quart of wine, lighted a Havana cigar and asked:

"To what do I owe this interest from a stranger?"

"Sympathy. I was once a struggling artist myself."

"And how, may I ask, did you come to prosper?"

"By painting pictures."

The guest removed his cigar from his lips and looked at his host in astonishment.

"Your name?"

"Tom Barrons."

"I confess I never heard of you."

"I have a great many allases, all of which you have heard often. Listen and I will tell you the story of my success. Having a fancy for art, I became a painter. Having struggled for recognition for ten years without getting it, I began to ask myself why. The answer was that I could originate nothing. Then I started in to make a living copying noted pictures in foreign galleries. I discovered that I could not only copy; I could imitate."

"Not long after this an art dealer in Paris announced that an original Glotto had been discovered in a secret chamber of a building that was being torn down. He had purchased it and offered it for sale. I shall not mention the exact price he got for it, but it was a fortune for any man. One day an Italian from Florence arrived in New York with a Titian—a head of a girl, stiff as a fourteenth century girl, but lovely under a head of sunny hair. He sold it to a merchant prince for a fortune. Still later one of the London picture shops stumbled on a Guido Reni. There was no one in England rich enough to buy it, and a subscription was started to keep it in the kingdom. The critics vouched for its genuineness, and thousands of pounds bought it. An art journal published a long article by a struggling critic enumerating twenty-four points in the picture that were found in all Guido Reni's pictures. This critic is now the Ruskin of Europe."

"This wine is not to my taste. Let us try champagne. That's better."

"At intervals original Correggios, Rembrandts and pictures of other famous artists were found in out of the way places, most of them incrustated with the dirt of centuries and the names of the painters partly illegible. They were always approved by critics, though on some these gentlemen differed. Nevertheless they were snapped up at enormous prices."

The speaker paused.

"And you are?"

"Glotto, Guido Reni, Rembrandt and a lot of others who lived before men had learned how to paint."

"And you perpetrate these?"

"Only as necessary before the fact. I painted the pictures, the dealers did the rest."

There was a long silence between the two, after which the seedy man said:

"I have a garret across the Arno with a number of my unsold pictures in it. Will you go with me and look at them?"

"With pleasure."

Arriving at the room, the occupant displayed one painting after another on an easel. When the last had been seen the rich man said:

"You have what I lack, originality, while I have what you have not, the power of imitation. Besides, you are a genius. Possibly had you been born in some village near Munich or Dresden you might have been one of the great modern painters. As it is you must continue to be a bad copyist. Fine pictures to be paid for in America must bear a foreign stamp. To produce a fortune they must bear the name, genuine or forged, of an artist who has been dead three or four centuries."

"Give me an opportunity to soothe my conscience by accepting a gift from me."

"What gift?"

"It may not be too late for you to achieve that success which your abil-

ities are capable of producing. I will furnish funds to introduce your wares."

The seedy man drifted away into thought. Finally, returning to his surroundings, he said:

"I do not condemn you for following the path you saw before you leading to success. It is the path of a man of business rather than an artist. As for me, my path, though it leads to failure, is the one for me. The good God has given me a gift that neither the critics nor the public can take away—the gift to enjoy the beautiful and some power to portray it."

Falls City

Dr. Pfandhoeffer and family left Saturday for the mountains.

A. D. McCormick went to Salem this week on business.

J. H. Flower returned Tuesday from a business trip to Portland.

Born, August 25, 1909, to the Wife of W. C. Brown, a daughter.

C. W. Trask and wife went to Airlie this week to visit their son Sidney.

Mr. Hansard has moved his family to a prune orchard near Albany.

Mr. Edick and wife have gone to the coast for a few days outing.

Charles Vick and B. F. Boughey returned Tuesday from a trip to Tillamook.

Misses Irene Cecil and Pansy Dodd have returned from their trip to the coast.

Grandma Courter and Miss Edna Courter went to Dallas Saturday for a visit with friends.

Rev. Dodd and wife are going to take in the Seattle fair. They leave the first of September.

Walter Nichols and wife have returned from near Salem, where they went to visit Mrs. Nichols' mother.

Miss Hammond returned from Portland Saturday, where she went to attend to business connected with the W. C. T. U.

C. L. French and wife have returned from the Seattle Fair and other cities on the Sound. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Frank Coquillette has returned to her home at this place, after several weeks spent in Monmouth on account of her recent severe illness.

Mr. Trueax has moved his family back to town, after a year on the farm. He occupies his own home lately vacated by Mr. Hansard.

Mr. McCherry and wife returned from their trip to the mountains after huckleberries. They were amply rewarded for their trouble.

Charles Hopkins was a Falls City visitor Sunday. Charley once lived here and, like many others that have gone away, longs to come back, if only for a visit with friends.

There are a goodly number who leave here this week for the hop yards, just for an outing they say, but they will gather hops for all there is in it just the same.

Joseph Henry, an uncle of G. W. Brentner, was here this week from California on a visit and expressed himself well pleased with the country. He expects to locate somewhere in this country in the near future.

Mr. Cobb has a nice patch of strawberries that are now bearing ripe fruit. He said he had another patch that was later that he feared would not mature this fall. It is very nice to sit down to a dish of strawberries and ice cream these warm days.

Mrs. Dewitt, who has been visiting her daughter here, returned to her home in Monmouth Monday. Mr. Russell has bought a farm near town and moved his

family there. They recently lived near Sheridan. He is an old time friend of Rev. LaDow and once lived in the Palouse country.

Jesse Gilliam, of near Roseburg was here this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Miller. Mr. Gilliam has a large ranch in Douglas county and is buying sheep and goats to stock it. He has sent one car load to the ranch and takes another with him on his return home.

We are sorry to announce that our union services came to a close Sunday evening, as the M. E. pastor leaves this week for Conference, which will be held at Cottage Grove. We hope they will return Brother Pall another year as we find him a fine Christian man and his people will be fortunate to have him with them again.

Independence.

Mr. Hooper was a Salem visitor Tuesday.

Miss Vale Hilterbrand is the proud owner of a fine new piano.

H. Y. Woods commenced picking hops Tuesday.

The Star moving picture show has closed. It is not known when it will open to the public again.

J. W. Richardson, Jr., returned to Corvallis Sunday where he has employment.

J. W. Richardson, Jr., will be the janitor in the school house this winter.

B. Wilson and wife, and their son Frank Wilson and wife, have returned from Bellnap springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mott have returned from Slab Creek, where they were camped for two weeks.

Miss Bertha Bohannon has returned to Corvallis, where she has employment in a millinery store.

Miss Ella Robinson came up from McMinnville to spend Sunday at home and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Frazer, of Vancouver, will have charge of the store at Horst Brothers hop yard.

The many friends of H. G. Iliff are congratulating them over the arrival of a baby girl at their house last week.

B. F. Jones and family have returned from Newport and vicinity where they they spent the summer. Mrs. Jones' health is much improved.

Last Sunday evening was Mr. Mulkey's last sermon in the Christian church until after hop picking. The Sunday school will continue every Sunday.

Hazel Bohannon will teach school at Polk station this winter. Miss Bohannon secured a certificate at the last teachers' examination held in Dallas a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hooper returned from Sodaville Saturday evening. While away they visited Lebanon, Brownsville and Waterloo.

Mr. Zeliesch, of Parker, has sold his fine farm for the sum of \$38,000. Mr. Zeliesch bought the Fuqua farm about three years ago for less than twenty-five thousand.

Ernest Johnson and his sister-in-law, Miss Gladys Irvine went to Sodaville Sunday, returning Monday with his wife and mother, who have been camping there for the past month.

A new gasoline launch is making two trips a day between Krebs' hop yard and Salem. The launch will carry forty passengers, and stops at all points on the way to Salem.

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The bridge north of town on the Salem road, known as the Dice bridge is closed, and a new steel bridge is being built. Driving to Salem now, you are compelled to go by the Byerly bridge.

Charley Williams and little daughter Gladys, left Monday for Scio, and will not return before the last of the week. During Mr. Williams' absence from the blacksmith shop Mr. Merrill will have charge.

What Is It, a Lobster?

That the methods of public school instruction as applied in one city at least do not always meet the approbation of the parents of the pupils was evidenced when a German man whose bristly blond hair was standing perfectly erect with anger strode into a Baltimore school one day and, approaching the principal, demanded:

"Vot is it, a lobster?"

The principal explained in his suavest tone that a lobster was a species of shellfish.

"How many legs has it—der lobster?"

The number of legs was promptly stated.

"Look here," exclaimed the irritated Teuton, "I work for me in a big hurry, and if your teacher he cannot find petter dings to ask my boy Herman how many legs has it, a lobster, and make him come home to bodder his fadder mit questions, 'What is it, a lobster?' it is pad business!"—Lippincott's.

Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist. Office over Independence National Bank, Independence.

Church Directory.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

L. C. HOOVER, Pastor

Morning service at 11:00 o'clock
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

Morning Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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