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And a Loyal Patron She Was, Only the Art She Supported Was but Deception

By ELEANOR PORTER

*********************************** MRS. LIVINGSTONE adored art-Art with a capital A, not the kind whose sign-manual is the milking-stool or a beribboned picture frame. The family had lived for some time in a shabby-genteel house on Beacon Hill, ever since, indeed, Mrs. Livingstone had insisted on her husband's leaving the town of his birth and moving to Boston-the center of

Art (according to Mrs, Livingstone). Here she attended the Symphony concerts (on twenty-five cent tickets), and prattled knowingly of Mozart and Beethoven; and here she listened to Patti or Bernhardt from the third balcony of the Boston theatre.

To be sure, she occasionally read a novel or a book of poems a trifle less ancient in character, but never unless the world had rung with the author's praises for at least a score of years. The stamp of Time's approval was absolutely necessary to the aspirant after Mrs. Livingstone's approbation. Indeed, there was only one of the present-day celebrities who interested the good lady at all, but that one attracted with a power that compen-

sated for any lack in the others. Of course he was famous he had been for thirty years. She called him the "Inimitable One," and set him up



"Isn't This House Owned by a Very Famous Man?"

in her heart and groveled joyfully at his feet. She bought each of his books when published, whether she had shoes to her feet or clothes to her

Mrs. Livingstone's husband was only an ordinary being who knew nothing Mrs. Livingstone had but herself and whatever of Art; and it was a relief to her-and perhaps to him, poor man -when he departed this life, and left her to an artistic widowhood with anything but an artistic income-if size counts in Art. But one must eat, and one must wear clothes (in chilly, civilized Boston, at least), and Mrs. Livingstone suddenly realized that something must be done toward supplying these necessities of life for herself and her young daughter, Mabel.

It was at about this time that there came a sharp ring at the doorbell, and a stout man with small, but very shouldn't !" bright black eyes asked to see Mrs.

"I have come, my dear madam, on a matter of business," said he suavely: "and though I am a stranger to you, you certainly are not one to me. I said 'business,' madam, yet I and the one for whom I am speaking are so anxious that you should look favor. a distinct shock to her. ably upon our proposition that I had almost said that I had come to ask a

Mrs. Livingstone relaxed from the

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> forbidding aspect she had assumed, and looked mildly interested. "A gentleman wishes to leave his house in your charge, madam. The house is advertised for sale, and from

time to time parties may wish to see it. He would like it to be in the care of someone who will understand how to show it to the best advantage, you Mrs. Livingstone's back straight

ened, and her chin rose perceptibly Had she come to this -a common care taker? And yet-there was Mabel Something must certainly be done.

"Who is this man?" she asked aggressively; and then she almost started from her chair as the name fell from the other's lips-it was that borne by the Inimitable One.

"That man!" she exclaimed breathlessly. "That famous creature with the world at his feet!"

The stout gentleman opposite smiled and his little eyes narrowed to mere slits of light. He had counted on this. His employer was indeed famousvery famous, though perhaps not in the way this good lady supposed. It

was not the first time he had traded on this convenient similarity of names.

"I thought, madam, we had made no mistake. I was sure you would deem it a privilege. And as for us, your keen appreciative sense of the fitness of things will-er-will make it a favor to us if you comply with our request," said he, floundering in helpless confusion for a moment.

But Mrs. Livingstone did not notice. She went through the rest of that interview in a dazed, ecatatic wonder She only knew at its conclusion that she was to go up to Vermont to care for His house, to live in the rooms that He had lived in, to rest where He had rested, to walk where He had walked, to see what He had seen. And she was to receive pay—money for this blissful privilege. Incredible! It did not take Mrs. Livingstone long to make all necessary arrange

As they stepped from the train to the platform at the little country station, Mrs. Livingstone looked about her with awed interest. He had been here! The jouncing yellow stage coach became a hallowed golden charlot, and the ride to the house a sacred

pilgrimage. Only think, Mabel, He walked here, and sat here," said the woman adoringly, suiting the action to the word and sinking into a great Morris chair.

Mabel sniffed her disdain. "I presume so; but I should like to know where he ate-maybe he left something !"

Mrs. Livingstone rose in despairing

The next few days were a dream of bliss to Mrs. Livingstone. The house was a handsome mansion set well back from the street, and surrounded by beautiful grounds which were kept Other Oil Stoves in order by a man who came two o three times a week to attend to them. Mabel to care for, and she performed the work of the house as a high-priestess might have attended upon the altars of her gods. It was on the fifth day that a growing wonder in the

mind of Mrs. Livingstone found voice. "Mabel, there isn't one of His works in the house not one. I've been everywhere!" said the woman plaint-

"Well, mother," laughed the girl saucily, "that's the most sensible thing I ever knew of the man. I don't wonder he didn't want them round-I

"Mabel !" "Well, I shouldn't!" And Mabel laughed wickedly while her mother. sighed at the outspoken heresy. It

was plain that Mabel had no soul. Mrs. Livingstone was furthermore surprised at her idol's taste in art; some of the pictures on the wall were

The house was to be sold completely furnished, with the exception of the like books and pictures. The price was high, and there were but few prospec-

tive purchasers. Occasionally people came to see the property; such Mrs. Livingstone conducted about the house with reverent impressiveness.

"It is something to buy a house owned by so famous a man," she insinnated gently one day, after vainly trying to awaken a proper enthusiasm in a prim little woman who was talking of purchasing.

"Indeed!" replied the other, frigidly. "Do you think so? I must confess it is somewhat of a drawback to me. And from that time Mrs. Livingstone wore an injured air-the young mother's baby had been snubbed grievously snubbed.

Toward the last of the summer a wild plan entered Mrs. Livingstone's brain; and after some days of trembling consideration, she determined to carry it out. The morning mail bore a letter from her to the Inimitable One through his publishers. She had learned that he was to be in Boston, and she had written to beg him to come up to his old home and see if it was being cared for to his satisfac-tion. The moments dragged as though weighted with lead until the answer came. When at last it was in her hands, she twisted a hairpin under the flap of the envelope and tore out the letter with shaking fingers.

It was from the Inimitable One's private secretary. The Inimitable One did not understand her letter-he was the owner of no house in Vermont; there was doubtless some mistake. That was all. The communication was wholly enigmatic.

The letter fluttered to the floor, and Mrs. Livingstone's dazed eyes rested on the gardener in the lawn below. In a moment she was at his side. "Peter, isn't this house owned by a

very famous man?"
"Indade it is, ma'am." "Who is he?" she demanded shortly, holding her breath until that familiar name borne by the Inimitable One

passed the other's lips.
"Well, Peter, isn't he the writer?
What does he do for a living?" she faltered, still mystified.

"Do? He fights, ma'am. He's the big prizefighter that won—" He was talking to empty air. The woman

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Jots and Tittles

(Continued from page 1) Mrs. George Starr is confined to

J. E. True is building an addition to his barn.

Mrs. Roberts and daughter, from Tacoma, have been visiting Mrs. M. E. Bassett.

The F. H. Porter family expect to return to Halsey for the summer about the 1st of July.

The Shedd and Harrisburg bands furnished music for the pioneer picpie at Brownsville

Charles Poole got the prize for pest decorated haby buggy at the Lehanon strawberry fair. The Brownsville pioneer picnic

this year was freer from sideshows,

fakers and gambling games than it had been for many years. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Standish and son Clinton of Brownsville

were Halsey visitors Sunday.

A. J. Hill and wife and Mrs. J. J. Corcoran and her grandson, Billy Kirk, went Tuesday to the Portland rose show.

Mrs. Rose Carter, sister of Mrs. Stewart of the confectionery, was here from her home at Wells, Oregon, for the week end.

Mrs. Philo Starr, who has been in a Corvallis hospital since Easter, was visited Sunday by her son George. She is still seriously ill.

W. A. Davenport came over from Brownsville Monday and took train for Monmouth, where he is to be a schoolboy again for a

It is expected that by the time this issue of the Enterprise is out the paving of the road between Tangent and Albany will have begun.

Sterling H. Goin of Jefferson is democratic candidate for the assembly. If he can win on that ticket this year he will be goin'

W. J. Ribelin of Halsey was one of two suvivors of the Rogue river war who were honored among pioneers at the Brownsville pionic. The other was Joseph Yates.

Miss Crystal Templeton of Brownsville took Saturday's train for Eugene, where she will attend the U. of O. summer school. Her father, W. C. Templeton, brought

By error the name of Will Price vas included in the published list of Halsey farmers refusing to sign the Canada thistle pledge. In fact, at that time Mr. Price had not

had an opportunity to sign,

Mr. Bollman of the Brownsville hard luck last week. A \$80,000 woolen mills and stores was in botel near Portland which belonged to him was burned and the Albany and Eugene papers changed

The Big Brothers Farm at Lebanon will have 100 boys this year. Last year there were 82. The boys are picked up wherever needy ones are found. They are dressed in new suits, if necessary, and every effort is made during their summer on the farm to start them on the right road and send them out with ambition and good ideals.

O. A. Stevenson and wife and three children, from Bertrand, Neb., arrived at Brownsville Monday, took in the picnic and visited Mrs. Stevenson's mother, Mrs. Ackley. Thursday afternoon they came over to Halsey and are stopping at P. J. Forster's, Mrs. Forster being Mrs. Stevenson's sister. They may locate here if they find property to their liking.

The foolish wives of Halsey ought to see to see the show at the Rialto tomorrow night because they may learn something there. The other 99 per cent of Halsey wives also would enjoy the play. All the men might go along to learn the difference between foolish wives and the kind they are acquainted with. So the house will probably be better filled than it was last week.

Miss Gertude Porter, a student of Rose Coursen-Reed of Portland, left that city Sunday with the octet of the Women's Advertising club to sing for its national convention at San Diego. The octet stopped at Ashland to give a concert under the management of Walter Jenkins, Refore her departure several pleasant affairs were given honoring Miss Porter by the Forbes Presbyterian church, where she is a

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