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BEAUTY IN UGLINESS

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Professor Blinder was a farmer's boy made into an archaeologist. He worked his way through college, sometimes teaching the little country boys and girls near the university where he studied, sometimes following the plow, but oftener doing odd jobs which would not interfere with his university course. He was red headed, freckled and otherwise unattractive in personal appearance, except for the intellect that looked out through his eyes. When he smiled he resembled a pumpkin with a candle in it, such as boys use to celebrate All-hallow eve.

Professor Blinder while in college was principally interested in buried things, and the longer they had been under ground the better he liked them. He read so many books about buried cities that after his graduation he was chosen to go abroad with a party of archaeologists to discover the site of lost Greek cities mentioned by historians. He told the party where many of these cities were, and they found them. When he returned he was made professor of archaeology in a woman's college. The girls declared that he had been appointed because none of them would be tempted to run away with him.

One day after recitation Eva Lambert, whose talents ran rather to his chief than books, went up to the professor's lecture table after the lecture, ostensibly to ask a question, but really to poke fun at him.

"Professor," she said, "did the early Christians dig out the catacombs of Rome to bury their dead in?"

"That's the story," replied the professor, "but it seems to me more likely that they were old quarries and the Christians found them ready for their purpose, though they greatly extended them. There's too much glamour about archaeological stories. Nevertheless the catacombs are interesting, even if they were originally quarries. It is the pleasure we take in deciphering inscriptions and such matters pertaining to the dead placed there centuries ago that interests us, as well as the skeletons of the dead themselves. The catacombs to me are more fascinating than the Lake of Como, the bay of Naples or the Swiss Alps. Beauty is passive; there is nothing about it to learn, to conquer. There is no beauty in the catacombs, but there is the liveliest interest. For instance, when we see the outline of a fish scratched on the wall over a sarcophagus we are eager to know what it means. And when we have learned that we find something else we wish to interpret."

"What does a fish mean?" asked Miss Lambert, becoming interested.

"It was a sign of the early Christians and indicated that the buried one was a follower of Jesus. But, to return to the matter of the difference between the beautiful and the interesting. Two young students of geology recently took luncheon on a stone. It was a common stone apparently, like any other stone. One of the students thought it resembled a fossilized bone chipping off a few bits of it, they took it to their college laboratory, tested it and found that it was a bone. It turned out to be the paw of an extinct dinosaur that had lived millions of years ago. There was no beauty in it, but it was fascinating."

"I should say so. Was it taken out?" "Yes, and removed to a museum."

By this time the girls had all left the lecture room. The professor went on talking.

"If you ever go to Pompeii, buried by an eruption of Vesuvius seventy-five years after the birth of Christ, you will see a plaster cast of a man. Some may prefer the statue of the Apollo Belvedere, possibly the most beautiful figure in existence. My taste leads me to the Pompeian cast. It represents only a common man and is rough at that. The figure it represents was a man who when Pompeii was being covered with ash and sand was attempting to escape, but fell and was enveloped in the mud. This cast is a hardened and forced a mold of the body. Fifteen hundred years later the body had disappeared in gasses, plaster was poured into the mold, and we got a replica of the Pompeian as he died."

"Oh, professor," exclaimed the girl, "how interesting!"

"And yet how homely!"

"No, no, no! How can that which is so full of interest be homely?"

"If you are interested in these things I shall be glad to tell you of them. There is much in my lectures that is necessarily dry, but any day after the class is dismissed, if you have any question to ask, any information to gain about these archaeological subjects, remain for awhile and I will doubtless be able to inform you of these things, ugly in themselves, as

you say, but beautiful from the interest they excite."

When Miss Lambert left Professor Blinder's lecture room she found a number of her classmates waiting to enjoy her account of how she hamboozled the archaeologists. They were very much surprised when she said: "Girls, I didn't get in a single hamboozle. On the contrary, he proved in a very ingenious way that he is beautiful."

"Beautiful!" exclaimed several girls. "For pity's sake, how did he do that?" "He told me of ugly things so interesting that they seem to be beautiful. I consider him one of them."

A year from that date Eva Lambert married Professor Blinder.

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BAIT FOR THE TROUT.

It Was Taken, Hook and All, but Not by the Innocent Fish.

Senator Frye of Maine, who is an ardent devotee of the piscatorial art, loves now and then to relate a fish story, and he once told of a memorable trip on which Senator Spooner joined him at his choicest trout stream. They had it all arranged, after having called into counsel a reliable fish dealer and a trustworthy expressman, that a box of trout should arrive every other day at Senator Frye's home to indicate the success with which they were catching the fly.

The plan worked beautifully—"of course we caught some, and some we didn't"—but the expressman was fairly regular in the weight of fish forwarded, and the prepaid charges were about the same from day to day. All went well until one day a dispatch came from the Frye domicile:

"Rush two more boxes smoked herring. They are great. Are the salt mackerel running also?"

There was a busy time with the wires just then, for the fish dealer had got his orders mixed, and instead of shipping fresh trout to Frye's home he had sent herring, thoroughly smoked. But the senator was equal to it. Camp supplies had been mixed with the fish caught that day, of course. He hastened his reply:

"You received the bait by mistake. Nothing but smoked herring will ever catch fresh trout, you know."

Senator Spooner concluded the tale truthfully by giving the return message:

"Received the bait and have taken it, hook and all."—National Magazine.

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One evening she said, "Why don't you go to the smoking room to smoke instead of going to the lobby?"

"Is there a smoking room inside?" he asked.

"Of course. You always say that you are going out to smoke, and it seems so useless to have to take your hat and coat every time. And if you thought of it beforehand you could buy those cigarettes that you seem to like—the ones that smell like cloves, you know—before you come."

He is wondering if she is as wise as it seems or as innocent as it appears.—Boston Traveler.

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An Author's Odd Aversion.

The "stoic" meant had attractions for Edward Fitzgerald, who, among his other peculiarities, hated to see people enjoying their food. On one occasion, after a man had finished a glass of wine in his company and gone out of the room, Fitzgerald remarked with disgust: "Did you notice how he took up his glass? I am sure he likes it. Bah!" Fitzgerald himself, according to his biographer, Mr. A. C. Benson, "lived practically on bread and fruit, mostly apples and pears, even a turnip, with sometimes cheese or butter and milk puddings. But he was not a bigoted vegetarian. To avoid an appearance of singularity he would eat meat at other houses and provided it in plenty for his guests. But the only social meal he cared to join in was 'tea, pure and simple, with bread and butter.'"

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