

A Story About Rodin.

The Cri de Paris tells a most amusing story, if true, about Rodin and some unnamed rich American woman who had selected him to make a statue of herself, full length and so far as possible a portrait. She had posed ten times in antique costume when Rodin told her that he did not need her any more and that he would finish the work at his leisure. When the American came again she found to her amazement that the head of the statue bore no resemblance whatever to her. She complained bitterly that no one would even recognize her. "It is true," said the great sculptor dreamily. "Your head did not inspire me at all. At first I thought I would not put any head on the statue, but after I had thought it over carefully, in order not to offend you I put in place of your face that of Mme. de R. She had ordered hers of me, but never paid for it. At any rate, you will gain much by this change!"

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"Here is a two dollar bill I will give you now," he said, "or I will wait until the end of six months and pay you what I think it is worth, even if it is a hundred dollars. You can take your choice."

The minister studied a moment, glanced at the bride and hastily replied:

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was stretched across the path, and when the natives saw him they pounced upon him with yells of delight. On the other hand, he seemed dazed.

"With a native for every yard of him holding him firmly he journeyed on legs through the jungle and down to the beach. He wriggled feebly and hissed in a hopeless manner. There they cut his head off with no more ceremony than they would have used if he had been a chicken, folded as much as they could get of him into a kind of clam shell about three feet in diameter and built a fire. In an hour he was cooked, and in another hour this great snake which had been painfully accumulating feet and inches for years had disappeared. I must say that I felt a little indignant."—Youth's Companion.

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