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An Artistic Courtship

By ETHEL HOLMES

Gabriel Martel painted pictures for a living, but made a very poor one. At last he gave it up and became an instructor in his art. He was now a widower, an old man, and had one child, a daughter, Winifred, about twenty years old. The rooms in which he lived and gave lessons were in a studio building for persons of his profession.

One spring morning Winifred was sitting by an open window in the living room, facing the street, making clothes for herself, for her father had no money with which to buy them.

She had a very sweet face and as she bent over her work formed an attractive picture. Beardslee, who had just returned from Florence, Italy, where he had been studying and was considered a genius, saw the girl at the window, and—well, he fell in love with her. I don't mean his love was full fledged the moment he laid eyes on her, but that is what it began.

He noted the position of the room in which she was sitting and, crossing the street, entered the studio building, mounted the stairs and proceeded to the door leading to the room. His object was the acquaintance of that girl. How he was to make it he didn't know, but he was full of assurance and resource and trusted to these and luck. On the door was painted, "Gabriel Martel, Instructor in Painting."

Opening the door, he saw Mr. Martel standing over a small boy whom he was endeavoring to teach to draw the outline of a goblet. Winifred sat in an adjoining room.

"Beg pardon," said Beardslee; "I am desirous of taking some lessons in painting."

"Are you a beginner?" asked the instructor.

"Oh, no! I have had some practice."

Martel stated the terms, which were satisfactory, and Beardslee said he would take a lesson then and there. He sat down at an easel faced toward Winifred.

As soon as Martel had disappeared Beardslee took out some pieces of this ivory he had in his pocket and began to paint a miniature portrait of Winifred. If his love for the girl was not yet full fledged, his love for his subject was. At any rate, he made one of those rapid strokes of genius which will sometimes come without the slightest effort, but which will elude an artist on more pretentious work. Meanwhile other pupils had come in, and Beardslee heard Martel talking to them. In this way he kept a knowledge of the instructor's position, and whenever he came near the screen Beardslee would hide the miniature and begin to dab on the subject as assigned him. But he had asked that he might not be disturbed, and his instructor did not visit him till after he had finished the miniature sketch.

A few days later Winifred was looking over the art columns of a Sunday paper and saw among the pictures of moment reproduced there a picture called "At Work," by the newly arrived celebrity Clarence Beardslee. It was a girl sitting by a window sewing. The work was valued at \$1,000.

"Isn't that like this window, papa?" she said, showing it to her father, "and that work stand is an exact reproduction of mine."

"And the face is yours, too," said the parent.

"It says the picture will be on exhibition at Gambrell's for a few days. I'm going to see it."

The same afternoon she visited Gambrell's picture store, and there was the miniature, into which the artist had found room to give a suggestion of the window and the work stand. She had no sooner looked upon the face of the girl than she recognized herself. The likeness was perfect. She stood looking at it in a dream of wonder.

There is a break in the story which cannot be supplied. When Winifred went home to her father happiness bubbled up in her like a spring of limpid water. She had seen at the picture store the would be pupil of the day before. The break in the story is how did he come to be there when she was there? Nobody but himself knows, and he has never told. All Winifred said to her father about the miniature was that it was a rare work of art. The mix had brought it home with her.

There is more that does not appear in this version of the story, and that is, what was going on between Beardslee and Winifred during the next month? At the end of which Martel received the surprise of his life. His former pupil of one lesson entered his instruction room and presented a card, on which was the name Clarence Beardslee. Martel looked at it, then up at the visitor and wondered if one or the other of them had not lost his senses.

Winifred ran from the other room and wrapped both arms around her father.

"I came," said Beardslee, "to ask you, Mr. Martel, for your daughter."

"My daughter! You, Clarence Beardslee?"

"Yes."

Then Winifred explained matters, which it is not necessary to explain here, for they are explained already, except the breaks, which in case of lovers no one can explain but themselves.

"The Worker" remains the best of Clarence Beardslee's small offhand hits. It is a gem.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Willamette river, swollen by heavy rains, raised 15 feet in 48 hours at Salem.

The western Oregon older boys conference convened at Eugene Friday afternoon.

Fire losses in Portland during the fiscal year of 1917 totaled approximately \$280,000.

The state convention of the Oregon Music Teachers' association was held in Portland.

To effect the organization of a state association, potato dealers of Oregon met in Portland.

The Epworth League of the Salem district held the annual district convention at Salem.

Senator Charles L. McNary has made announcement of his candidacy to succeed himself in the United States senate.

A petition is being circulated at Marshfield asking that the teaching of German in the public schools be eliminated.

Peter Gellatley died at his home near Corvallis. He was 77 years old and had been a resident of Benton county 42 years.

The annual conference of presidents and faculties of the independent colleges of Oregon was held at Willamette University at Salem, Friday and Saturday.

H. S. Gile Co., of Salem and Roseburg, have offered to establish a logberry juice factory in Roseburg, if the farmers will maintain 300 acres of logberries.

The Umpqua Valley Fruit union estimates that the broccoli crop in Douglas county will be about 60 carloads next March, with every prospect of extra quality product, and a good price.

For the fourth time in 23 years the Oregon Agricultural college managed to win the state football championship, when they beat the University of Oregon at Portland, 14 to 7.

The recent orders issued by the war department regulating enlistment of registered men after December 15 will not effect students in the ordinance course at the University of Oregon.

For the first time in several months no fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. There were 486 non-fatal accidents reported.

William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, in an address before a large audience at Portland emphasized the spirit of sacrifice as the greatest need of the country in the present world war.

A supply of text books for men in the U. S. service who wish to pursue their educational work while serving their country, is being collected at the Oregon Agricultural college library.

In a letter forwarded to Edward D. Baldwin, secretary of the republican state central committee, United States Senator McNary submitted his resignation as chairman of that committee.

Fruit sales agency officials declare that the eastern apple market is at extreme low ebb. Many northwestern sales concerns are receiving cancellations of orders placed earlier in the season.

Governor Withycombe formally appointed Judge Gantenbein as circuit judge for Multnomah county to succeed Judge Littlefield, who resigned upon Judge Gantenbein's return from army service.

With the largest fall crop in many years in the ground, Linn county farmers have been rejoicing in the late heavy rains. From all indications now the immense acreage of fall-sown grain will give a big yield next summer.

An auto driven by A. H. Moore, of Gold Beach, went over a grade five miles south of Gold Beach and rolled down a steep hillside for over 300 feet. The owner and driver, A. H. Moore, had his back broken and died later.

In the death of Judge C. C. Gail, who passed away at Gold Hill, southern Oregon lost one of its oldest and most honored pioneers. Mr. Gail crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851 and was 84 years old at the time of his death.

Instructions have come from headquarters in Washington to the state food administration office that wholesale bakers are to be encouraged in selling bread, unwrapped and for cash at wholesale prices, to consumers who go to the wholesale baker for it.

The public service commission has received instructions from the fuel administration authorities at Washington that no electric advertising signs, the electricity for which is generated by coal and which operate all night shall be allowed to operate in the future. The commission knows of no signs operated in Oregon coming under the description of those placed under the ban.

In preparation for the primary election, which will be held next May, Secretary of State Olcott is sending to the county clerks a list of the registered voters from their counties so they may check the list and thus eliminate the names of all disqualified voters.

Following a conference with Adjutant-General Williams, Governor Withycombe said the three companies of Spanish-American War veterans organized some time ago under Adjutant General White will be called into service as the unorganized militia within the next few weeks.

At the request of the federal government, the Oregon Agricultural college is establishing a school for the special purpose of training part of the special radio and buzzer operators immediately needed by the government. Admission is limited to men subject to the second and succeeding drafts.

A pruning school, the first of its kind ever held in Hood River, was opened Monday for the purpose of teaching the fruit growers of the Hood River valley the proper methods of pruning fruit trees in order to secure the maximum fruit results and at the same time insure the best possible shape for the tree.

Lumber shipments from the Columbia river reached a low ebb in November, according to figures compiled. Twenty-one vessels loaded in the lower Columbia district, their cargoes totaling 16,727,601 feet. Ten vessels loaded 10,183,703 feet at up-river mills, making a total of 26,910,874 feet shipped from the Columbia river during the month.

R. P. Bonham, United States inspector of immigration for Oregon, received notice from Washington of his appointment as arbitrator for the government to adjust all remaining questions of differences between the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and its employees in Oregon growing out of the recent strike, as well as any future complications.

It is very improbable that the public service commission or any of the shippers of Oregon will send a representative to Washington, D. C., to oppose the 15 per cent increase in freight rates asked for by the western railroads of the nation, when the matter comes up before the interstate commerce commission for further hearing on December 17.

Captain W. A. Arnold, of the signal corps of the United States army, has arrived at Marshfield to make a personal canvass of all logging camps, shipyards and lumber mills of Coos county, with a view of enlisting the men as members of the Loyal Legion of Lumbermen and Loggers. About 3000 men are employed in the lumber industry in Coos county.

At a meeting of the state desert land board, it was decided to cancel the bond of the Paisley irrigation project, provided the company would put up securities, deposited with the surety company for the bond, with a Portland bank to be named by the board. The company asked for such an arrangement in order to be relieved of paying a premium on the bond. As soon as the company adjusts settlements with settlers on the project, the securities will be turned over to it.

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