

COLONEL DONAN AND OTHERS.

Interesting Facts and Things Gleaned From Private Correspondence.

In publishing this, THE MINER is violating "all kinds" of confidences, for which there is no excuse. What Colonel Donan will do about the matter, time alone will tell; but it is hoped that this kindly soul, his universally recognized charitable nature, his sweet disposition will plead for the writer hereof and finally induce him to tone down the punishment which, with his highly cultivated sense of the eternal fitness of things, he will, at a glance, see the offense deserves. This is the situation—and the crime—in short meter:

The Colonel received a delightful letter from one of the most popular of American stage favorites. There were some allusions in the letter in which THE MINER man is interested, so the recipient forwarded it, under bonds of secrecy, for a third person to pursue, who is so lost to all the ordinary amenities of life that he publishes the following extract from that private letter:

"Some time ago, Mr. Lampton sent me a clipping from THE SUMPTER MINER, a mild eulogy upon the work of your marvelous pen, to which I fervently responded, 'Them's my sentiments.' And let me add, not one of the folks out there realizes, so consequently cannot appreciate, what you have done for the Northwest, and likewise for every village and wilderness to which you have turned your valuable time and flattering attention. There is some consolation, however, in the fact that 'P. Donan's' writings are quoted and copied from one end of the world to the other. Wherever I go they rise before me like literary versions of Banquo's ghost: but in this case a dear, old familiar ghost, that I would not wish to 'down.'"

Whole pages of * * * must be employed here, and then: "I am only a skeleton since my illness, but what there is of me is always faithfully and loyally yours."

And this is the way the appreciative Colonel Donan, whose fame as a connoisseur in female loveliness is world wide, introduces the writer of the above to him who violates his confidence by penning and printing these lines:

"I think the first three pages of the enclosed letter will be of pleasurable interest to you personally. The writer of the letter is one of the most beautiful and gifted actresses in America or the world. Her pictures have been a lovely feature of newspapers and magazines in this country and Europe ever since her debut on the stage three years ago. She is only twenty-three or twenty-four now. The 'Mr. Lampton,' to whom she refers as having sent her the clipping from THE MINER, is Will J. Lampton, the zigzag poet and humorist of the New York Sun, whose recently issued volume of 'Yawns and Other Things' is already a financial, as well as 'funny-bone,' success. * * * I might have copied what she says on the subject, and sent the copy to you, but I think a perusal of it in the brilliant and lovely woman's own characteristic calligraphy will be more satisfactory. Hence the enclosure."

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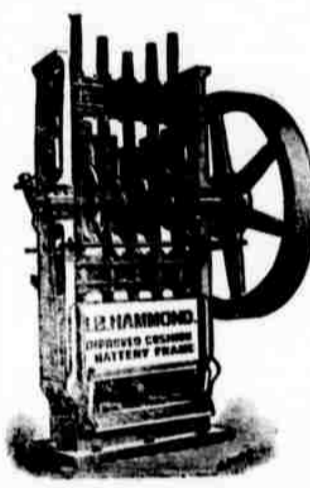
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