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The Montevideo Times
MONTEVIDEO, OCTOBER 22, 1898.

NEWS OF THE DAY
MONTEVIDEO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1898.
Saints Maria Sotome and Mark.—Rt. Hon. C. O. Kingston born, 18 0.—295 days past, 70 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.
There is hardly any political topic except the alleged «collectivist» invasion on the frontier, and as regards this the situation remains *in statu quo*, without a single novelty of importance. So far, telegrams from the frontier report all perfectly quiet on this side, through there seems to be more or less suspicious movements on the other. Some very exaggerated reports, probably fabricated by the «collectivists» themselves who are never tired of lying, have appeared in the Buenos Aires papers, but there is nothing to confirm them here. The public seems to have made up its mind that some sort of an invasion is going to take place, but accepts the fact with comparative equanimity, confiding in the power of the Government to crush it speedily.

The text has not yet been published of the Message passed to the Council a few days ago, but nevertheless the *Siglo* criticises the step as an unwise one. The Message, it says, is next door to declaring the Republic in a state of war, giving official recognition to rumors of an invasion, which if it takes place at all, it is difficult to imagine will be formidable. This was not a wise thing to do just on the eve of the elections, for it is playing into the hands of the «collectivists» and may afford them just the opportunity they require of pretending that the elections took place in a period of public disturbance, and that the future Chambers will therefore suffer from the same taint of illegality as the Borda Chambers elected in 1896. With such a pretext in their mouths, they will always have an excuse for resistance to the situation. Therefore, unless the Government is in possession of more certain and important information than has transpired to the public, it would have done much better to have waited until the declaration was made necessary by actual events—which may never be. As to the creation of new forces, the Government, in the opinion of the *Siglo*, is already amply provided for any attempt in the power of the «collectivists» to make, if only it can depend on the fidelity of its commanders and officers. Good military direction and loyalty are far more requisite at the present moment than numerous forces, the fallacy of which was shown last year when all the battalions raised by Borda made such little impression on the «blanco» revolution. Finally, the *Siglo* counsels the government to make another effort to improve the political situation, calling all the leading men of the «colorado» party to a friendly conference. We should have thought that the fallacy of «colorado» harmony and reconciliation was already sufficiently exploded. The party is not merely divided, but one faction of it is in revolution against the other. Sr. Ovestas should do what he ought to have done long ago, throw up the «colorado» party as hopeless, let it die the death natural to its disunity and corruption, and form a new party of intelligent honest men of all sha-

des, who will accept his reformatory policy as programme. He will thus find the large majority of the country behind him, and the absurd and mischievous tradition that only the «colorados» may govern will be destroyed.

Dr. Carlos Berro has resigned the Vice presidency of the «blanco» or nationalist party, but his friends are making great efforts to induce him to withdraw his resignation.

«CHARLEY'S AUNT.»
The production of this popular and well-known piece by the amateurs of the Entertainment Society attracted a large and fashionable audience to the San Felipe Theatre on Thursday evening; in fact the house will stand a good second to the «record» house which assembled for the premiere of «Jeannette» some weeks ago. To criticise from a strictly artistic point of view either play or players would be harsh and vain when dealing with a farcical comedy of this description, the sole object of which is to amuse for an hour or two. Judging from the frequent laughter and applause, this object was fully attained, and those concerned in the performance have the right to feel satisfied with their efforts. In an extension of certain weak points, we think it fair to mention that our amateurs had to produce the piece from a manuscript which was obviously defective and faulty, and especially so in the third act, which, in any case is the weakest of the play. This was regrettable, but also unavoidable.

The plot of the piece is now too familiar to need recounting, so we come at once to the acting. For the central figure, *Lord Fancourt Babberley*, who is led into impersonating «Charley's Aunt», the organisers were very fortunate in finding a gentleman so well suited in manner and appearance as Mr. Smart, whose disguise in female garments was sufficiently natural to cover up the absurdity of the situations. In the first act Mr. Smart seemed a little inclined to over-do his part, but in the second act he settled down to his work in better form and gave some really clever touches, alternating the grotesque old woman and the «cheeky» undergraduate with great success and very comical effect. Although Mr. Smart is not a stranger to the boards, we believe this is his first attempt in this direction, and given the difficulties of the part, trying even to the most experienced actor, he must be congratulated on a very clever and amusing performance, which we are sure he could greatly improve on with repetition for he has all the requisites for the rôle. As the two undergraduates *Jack Chesney* and *Charley Wykeham*, Mr. J. H. Wright and Mr. Maitland Moor both did so remarkably well that it would be invidious to make any distinction. They played their parts very naturally, and with just the requisite amount of «go», and both contributed materially to the success of the piece, besides proving themselves valuable acquisitions to the amateur stage. Mr. G. H. Cooper gave a most amusing rendering of Spettigue, perhaps a trifle too highly coloured, but still a very clever and creditable performance which was decidedly one of the features of the piece. The part of *Sir Francis Chesney* did not afford Mr. P. C. Towers much chance, but what there was to do he performed in his usual discreet and efficient manner. Mr. Williams gave a clever little character sketch as *Brassell* and Mr. T. Bourne was all that was required as the footman. We may have been rather ungallant in leaving the ladies to the last, for, small as were the parts assigned them by the author, they were certainly not behind the gentlemen in their efforts to make the piece a success. As *Donna Lucia*, the real «Charley's Aunt», Miss Nuttall was dignified and effective, affording just the proper amount of contrast to her fictitious counterpart. She had a very sweet and sympathetic companion in Miss Maud Norton who took the part of *Ella Delahay*. The chief mission in life of *Kitty Verden* and *Amy Spettigue* is to be pretty, graceful and coquetish, and in this Miss Dreyer and Miss Urtubey succeeded to perfection, brightening the stage with their presence whenever they appeared. We must especially congratulate Miss Dreyer on her clear and incisive diction, a quality sufficiently rare in amateur actresses to deserve mention. A fairly appropriate «set» was arranged for the first act, but the deficiencies of the theatre in the way of scenery was painfully noticeable in the other two acts. This, a chronic complaint here, is of course out of the power of our amateurs to remedy, though they did what they could in the way of decoration, a task in which Mr. J. S. Reid lent valuable assistance. It is certainly peculiar that none of the theatres here should be able to provide a scene even remotely resembling the exterior or the interior of a respectable modern

residence. The scene for Act 2, supposed to be the garden outside Jack's rooms at College, was simply grotesque in its unlikeness to the real thing and the purpose would have been served almost as well by reverting to the 18th century fashion of hanging up a blank cloth and a placard with the legend «This is a garden» leaving the rest to the imagination—at all events this would not offend by utter misrepresentation. The theatres here, as we have said on other occasions, are fifty years behind the times in the way of scenery, and this is always one of the difficulties with which our amateurs have to contend.

A conspicuous feature of the evening's entertainment was the really admirable amateur orchestra organised by Mr. G. R. Schwartz, and which, under the able direction of Sr. Formentini, gave a splendid rendering of some good class music. This was really excellent, and there was certainly nothing further or better required to complete the programme.

Though the announcement may be a little premature, we may state that the Entertainment Society, encouraged by its success this year, already has in view another performance which it is hoped to present about the middle of November, bringing the season to a worthy conclusion.

THE S. S. «GREYLANDS» CASE.

The arrest in Buenos Aires of the crew of above steamer, who were released last week, has given rise to the following correspondence:—

The Merchant Service Guild, August 8th, 1898.
To the Secretary,
The Foreign Office,

Sir,—I am directed by the Guild to bring to your notice the enclosed statement with regard to the ill-treatment of the officers of the s.s. *Greylands* by the Argentine authorities, and the apathy of the British Consul in the matter.

There appears to be no doubt as to the facts of the case, for we are in receipt of confirmatory letters from various independent sources, and the Guild now respectfully ask the Foreign Office to demand the immediate release of these men, who are Her Majesty's subjects, and to obtain for them compensation for the loss and suffering to which they have been subjected without trial or justification.

I am further to state that we have received numerous complaints as to the arbitrary conduct of the authorities at Buenos Aires, and as to the impossibility of obtaining assistance or protection from Her Majesty's Consul—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, *John G. Moore.*

Foreign Office, August 13th, 1898.

Sir,—I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., relative to the arrest of seven members of the crew of the steamship *Greylands* at Buenos Aires.

The case has been brought to His Lordship's notice, and Mr. Thornton, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at that capital, was instructed to inquire into the case. A telegram has been received from him reporting that these men are charged with a serious assault and are awaiting trial in prison. Bail has been allowed but is not forthcoming. Mr. Thornton has taken the opinion of an eminent lawyer, who states that all the proceedings are strictly legal, and that the delay in trying the prisoners is due to the pressure of cases in the Criminal Court. Mr. Thornton states that the Acting Consul at Buenos Aires has taken all possible steps to expedite the proceedings, and that the trial will take place shortly. He adds that the prisoners are well-treated—I am, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant, *Francis Bertie.*

August 24th, 1898.

The Secretary of the Foreign Office.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guild to acknowledge your letter of the 13th inst., and to ask if you will convey to the Marquis of Salisbury their thanks for the prompt action taken in the matter, and at the same time the Guild desire to express their dissatisfaction with the explanation of the British representatives, and to draw His Lordship's attention to the fact that this kind of thing is by no means uncommon at Buenos Aires. They are satisfied that in this case if the Consul had interfered, as he should have done, in the first place, these men would not have been subjected to the cruel persecution which has been inflicted on them—their only offence being that they were compelled to use a certain amount of force to quell a serious disturbance on board of their ship, the police having refused to assist them.

It is clear that if the Argentine authorities continue to act in this arbitrary way, and no protection be obtained, discipline on board British ships will disappear, and very serious consequences ensue.

The Guild desire to reiterate their previous complaint as to the lack of attention and courtesy of the British representative at Buenos Aires and trust that stringent orders may be issued to Consuls generally that in similar cases they shall at once inquire into the matter and prevent injustice being done, also that at the trial of these unfortunate officers every effort shall be taken by the British representatives at Buenos Aires to guard their interests, I am, Sir, Yours very truly, *J. G. Moore.*

Foreign Office, August 30th, 1898.
The Secretary.

Merchant Service Guild.
Sir,—I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., relative to the imprisonment of seven members of the crew of the steamship *Greylands* at Buenos Aires. I am to express His Lordship's regret that the Guild should have reiterated grave charges of an indefinite character against a British Consular Officer, for which there appears to be no foundation whatever. A Consul has no authority or power to interfere in legal proceedings conducted regularly and in due form in an Argentine Court of Law. The prolonged detention of the prisoners in the present case appears to be due to the failure to give bail.

I am to add that both the Acting Consul and the Legation have done all they could, and are continuing their efforts to expedite the proceedings. I am, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant, *Martin Gosselin.*

September 7th, 1898.
The Secretary,
The Foreign Office,

Sir,—Your letter of the 30th ultimo, in which it was stated that the Marquis of Salisbury regretted «that the Guild should have reiterated grave charges against a British Consular Officer for which there appears to be no foundation whatever» was laid before the Guild at their meeting last night, and, in reply, I am directed to say that the statements which were forwarded for your notice in regard to this case were true, and forwarded on definite facts.

The Guild are fully aware that Consuls have no power to interfere in legal proceedings conducted in due form in an Argentine Court, but in this case the men were arrested and imprisoned on entirely *ex parte* evidence themselves being afforded no opportunity for defence—a proceeding which appears to be opposed to the elementary principles of either law or justice.

In any case the Guild think that British subjects should receive the same treatment in a foreign country as is accorded to foreigners in this country, and they are of opinion that it is the clear duty of the Consuls to see that this is carried out.

I am also directed to respectfully ask if you will bring to the Marquis of Salisbury's notice the papers enclosed herewith, which will give His Lordship some idea as to the views of the Press and the British residents in Buenos Aires on this matter.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, *John G. Moore.*

Foreign Office, September 10th, 1898.

Sir,—I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., respecting the imprisonment of members of the crew of the *Greylands* at Buenos Aires, and to refer you to the letter which was addressed to you from this office on the 30th ultimo. I am, Sir, Your obedient, humble servant, *Martin Gosselin.*

Scented Women.

The American papers are amusing themselves by discussing whether it is justifiable for a woman to scent herself by means of hypodermic injections. It seems to us that there is nothing to discuss. Women who have money and no occupation will always do foolish things. They are at the mercy of every quack and charlatan and nothing that we can say is likely to have much effect on their folly. People who consult palmists and fortune-tellers are likely enough to take up any new craze. As a matter of fact, the custom of scenting the breath and the body by the use of drugs injected under the skin is by no means new, and there are many establishments in Paris and elsewhere which exist solely for this purpose. The massage shops would have adopted the idea long ago, but their customers are exclusively men, and man's folly does not run in this particular direction. We have seen a neat little outfit consisting of a hypodermic syringe and a number of cannulae obtained from one of the Paris houses, and we have been made acquainted with the formulae of the solutions employed, but it would serve no useful purpose to make them public. We can only express a hope that the apparatus is aseptic, or at all events that it is occasionally washed.

ed, for if this precaution is neglected there is likely to be a pretty general dissemination of disease, and some of the ladies who now find time hang heavily on their hands will be less pleasantly occupied than they had anticipated.—*British Medical Journal.*

Illuminating the Coasts.

There is no mistaking the progress that has been made in recent years in illuminating the buoys which mark the approaches to our rivers and ports. There are now no less than 100 buoys lit by gas both day and night around our own coast alone, and the conviction is growing that the time is fast approaching when every buoy laid down either by local authorities or the Trinity House will be illuminated. The success of the system is due to the discovery by a German scientist, who has found that a gas extracted from various mineral and vegetable oils can be compressed by as high a pressure as five atmospheres without losing any of its illuminating power. In the case of coal gas, any such compression would result in a great loss of illumination, and the discovery simply means that it is now possible to charge a buoy with gas, and to leave a light brightly burning without any further regulation for two or three months. The system has been adopted by every Continental Government, though, as usual, the United States have gone one better by lighting up some of their buoys by electricity.—*Shipping World.*

Civil Statistics.

According to the Monthly Demographic Bulletin for September, the population of the city in that month was estimated at 249,737, as compared with 249,652 in the previous month, 4545 persons entered the port and 4053 left it, being a gain of 492.

Births, 615.
Males, legitimate..... 260
Females, do..... 266
Males illegitimate..... 49
Females, do..... 40

Marriages, 97.
Men, Uruguayan..... 61
Do. foreigners..... 86
Women, Uruguayan..... 68
Do. foreigners..... 29

Deaths, 857.
Males..... 215
Females..... 142
Uruguayans..... 216
Foreigners..... 151

SUNDRIES.

—Members of the English Club are reminded of the Annual General Meeting which takes place this evening.

—Our native contemporaries, in noticing the amateur performance at the San Felipe Theatre, seem to be chiefly concerned, not with the play nor with the performers, but with the audience, those who were present, and give a long list of names of more or less well-known persons who sat in front. This mania for giving the names of the persons who were present at this or that social or public function seems to be on the increase, and it is impossible to turn to the social columns of a paper without finding a string of names, which for all the interest it contains or the information it conveys, might just as easily be taken from the pages of a directory, and which is copied with more or less variation day after day until the reader comes to know them by heart.

—We may be very churlish, but we cannot help entering a mild protest against this kind of chronicle. We do not see that it serves any useful purpose whatever to see in print that on Monday Messrs. Brown, Jones, Green and Robinson were at the Solis Theatre; on Tuesday, Messrs. Jones, Robinson, Green and Brown drove in the Prado; on Wednesday Messrs. Green, Brown and Jones were at Mrs. Robinson's reception; on Thursday, Messrs. Jones, Green and Robinson were at Mrs. Brown's to dinner and Miss Smith came in after dessert; and so forth *ad infinitum*. It would be just as much to the purpose to stand at a street corner and take the names of all the persons passing in the course of a day, and then publish the list as «news», and no doubt it would be quite as gratifying to the people mentioned. We cannot help thinking that journalism has something better to do than this.

—According to a Washington telegram, the U. S. Secretary of State announces through the official press that the Government

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—We see by a Buenos Aires contemporary that the value of the estates of the late John Shaw...

—Ladies and gentlemen, said an Irish theatrical manager to an audience of three...

—At the Cibils Theatre this evening the French Company will present Bisson's great comedy, 'La Famille de Pont-Biquet'...

—About 11 p. m. on Thursday a fire balloon of blood red color passed floating over the city...

—The venue of the Drayfus case is likely to be transferred to London, for, according to a telegram...

—Sirdar Lord Kitchener has left Cairo for England, where an enthusiastic reception awaits him...

—Early yesterday morning an alarming fire broke out on the premises of a firm of timber merchants in Cable street...

—The Committee of the English Club present a very favorable report and balance sheet for the past year...

—The Pope is preparing an Encyclical Letter against anarchists and anarchy...

—There have once more been terrible floods in Japan. Over 2000 persons have been drowned and 250 villages devastated...

—The latest sensational report from China is that the Empress and Li-Hung Chang have been secretly married for some time past...

LONDON NOTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. The rumors as to the Chinese Emperor having resigned in favour of the Dowager Empress are

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confirmed in an edict issued yesterday. The Emperor's Chief Adviser has fled. It is expected that Li Hung Chang will now be reinstated.

Colonel Picquart has been handed over to the military authorities and has been removed to the Cherche Midt prison in Paris. It is stated that General Zurlinden acted solely by himself in ordering his trial on a charge of forgery.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council, yesterday, it was unanimously agreed that the freedom of the City of London, together with a sword of honour, should be presented to the Sirdar, Major-General Sir Herbert Kitchener, in recognition of his conspicuous and gallant services in the Sudan.

It has been decided that the body of the late Sir George Grey shall be buried in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday next instead of in Brompton Cemetery, as originally intended.

Subscriptions to the amount of 11,000, had been forwarded up to last evening towards the Mansion House Fund for the relief of those who have suffered by the hurricane in the West Indies.

Two hours were spent yesterday afternoon by the Highways Committee of the London County Council in considering the tram men's complaint of alleged breach of their lease by the North Metropolitan Tramways Company.

Major Cardew opened a Board of Trade inquiry yesterday at Bradford into the circumstances of the electrical tramway accident which occurred there on Monday.

Early yesterday morning an alarming fire broke out on the premises of a firm of timber merchants in Cable street, St. George's in-the-East, and spread with great rapidity to some adjoining property, where two horses were burned to death.

In sentencing a young woman at the Old Bailey, yesterday, to a term of imprisonment for concealment of the birth of her illegitimate child, Mr. Justice Darling reminded the jury that that was the last case to be tried in those courts under the law which precluded an accused person from giving evidence.

Under the Evidence in Criminal Cases Act, which would come into operation before next sessions, prisoners would have the power of testifying on their own behalf.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montevideo, Oct. 21, 1898.

There was a fair movement in Consolidateds again to-day, but scarcely any business in other values. Prices at yesterday's fallen

figures, but more inclined to recover than to go lower. Sales as follows:—Extraordinary 1897 Loan, \$22,000 at 52.80 and 52.90 cash, 53 end of Nov.

Mortgage Bank, 110 shares at 18.20 cash and end of month.

Banco Transatlantico, 200 shares at 70 cents.

Consolidated Debt, \$242,050 at 41.70 and 41.80, closing 41.70 end of month, 41.80 end of November.

London quotation 41 1/2.

EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Bank, Commercial, London, Paris, Antwerp, Germany, N. York, Italy, Spain, Brazil, B. Aires 1% prem.

Business Notes.

—The Custom House paid into the London Bank yesterday \$7510 on account of the Consolidated Debt and Railway guarantee service and \$917 on account of the 5% Loan service.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 248.80 and closed at 249.50.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Janeiro yesterday at 8/9/32 to 5/16 to 11/32 to 8/8 to 13/32 to 3/8 d. per milreis.

—It is not thought probable that there will be much Banda Oriental wool passed over here this year, as the market is very good over there, and about 20% of the clip already realized prices being about \$3.80 Oriental gold or say \$3.25 paper which is a very good price indeed for these merino wools though it is to be observed that they give 44 to 45%, which is a higher yield than the Argentine wools run to.

—There is good interest this season for these wools. Skins and hides are down and weak, \$3.20 being quoted in the rivers and 3 60 Darsona. There are very good buyers for maize at above rates, but sellers are scarce and holding off.

—London, 21. Wheat 27-33. Lined 34s. Maize 18s.—Antwerp. Wheat 15.75 francs, lined 22.75, maize 9.75 Wool, class B, 4.275 francs for November, 4.20 for February.

—Wheat keeps dull and weak. Maize rather busy and firm, at \$1.10 to 1.50 without bag for distillery \$1.20 to 1.30 with bag for consumption.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 21, 1898.

Gold, cash, 249.50. Do. end of month, 249.50. Cédulas G Nacionales, 88.10. Cédulas 8%, Provinciales, 18. Do. end of month, 18.90.

Gas Primitivo, cash, 220. Consolidada de Santa Fé, 1886, Nov. 15, 54. Do. end of month 53.50. Do. 1893, taw and end of month, 54.

Emprestio Municipal, 1897, cash, 79.50. The «Venus» sails.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

Montevideo, Oct. 21, 1898. —Str. Paris from Salto, 71 pass. —Str. Eolo from B. Aires, 60 pass. —Str. Ondina from B. Aires. —Str. Pomona from Paranaaguá, for B. Aires. —Str. Orión from Genoa, 49 pass., for B. Aires. —Str. Winifred from Cardiff, for B. Aires.

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Steamers to arrive.

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(A SHORT STORY)

(Continued)

"Now, that's too bad of you, Lady Etheridge. I know those two fellows have been neglecting you most shamefully, but you can't say that I—well, you can't accuse me of monopolising either of your friends, and going off with them on riverside rambles or woodland explorations. "N—no; but then, you see, you haven't had a chance," Lola pointed out, speaking at random, and putting the truth very plainly indeed. "You haven't had a chance," said Lola again. "Nummy and Cutbert invariably manage to disappear mysteriously, and it's always those two who get together, I notice, never Nummy and Ralph, or Cutbert and Bee; then the other two go in search of them, and none of them come back for perhaps an hour, perhaps more, and yet all the time I know that they're not far off. I can actually hear their voices sometimes, and see the flutter of their dresses, or the glint of their straw hats between the trees. Mr. Travers, why do you suppose they act in this most eccentric, most purposeless manner?"

Lady Etheridge's face and voice were alike demure, full of unsuspecting innocence, full of an assumption of reluctance, that Ralph and Cutbert are merely indulging in the orthodox summer flirtation. "Awful fellows for that sort of thing, Lady Etheridge, I assure you—think nothing of spooning with a girl all the summer, and then throwing her over without a scorphe when the time comes for getting into harness again."

"How very dreadful! Do you mean to say that even quiet, plain-spoken Ralph—"

"Ralph is, if anything, the worst of the two. Or perhaps it is that girls see through Cutbert more easily, and don't attach the same importance or place so much reliance on his neatly-turned speeches and marks of appreciation. But Ralph can turn a woman's head and leave her lamenting as easily and comfortably as any male flirt going. I only wish I could manage to put your pretty little friend on her guard without making mischief or appearing to take too much for granted."

Lola snapped her fingers softly behind her back as Travers passed out through the French window and stood idly leaning over the rail of the balcony. "That for you disinterestedness and pretended scruples!" she breathed in an undertone. "That for your petty calumnies!" with another snap. "I don't believe a word of them; and I wouldn't have my treasured Bee engaged—still less married—to you if you were the only man in the world worth looking at—which you're not, however your own opinion may incline. Dear, ugly, round-shouldered, awkward old Ralph is worth a dozen of you, and if Bee asks for my opinion on the matter she shall have it. Ralph's not handsome, but he's genuine. He's not graceful, but he's good-natured, unselfish, not puffed up with conceit, and doesn't give himself airs. A pity he's not a wee-bit better-looking."

Bee Tressider was beginning to think he was. She had been studying him as he sat opposite to her that morning, reading aloud from a small volume of poetry which he had taken up haphazard from one of the tables in the house, and had come to the conclusion that his face was a strong and powerful one, even though the features were irregular—the nose too short, the mouth too wide, the keen eyes of too dark a hue to harmonise exactly with the lightbrown hair.

"But his eyes are really fine," mused Bee, gazing into them so steadily that she lost all thought of the subject of the poem; and when in a moment or two Ralph concluded the stanza and looked up to bear her criticism, he chose to construe that earnest, abstracted gaze as an indication of the deepest possible interest, and the flight of his listener's fancy into regions more romantic and ethereal than their immediate surroundings.

"You liked that?" he said, in a pleased tone; and a smile illumined the features she was still studying so critically. "I thought you would. Sciller somehow has the knack of carrying one out of oneself, and conjuring up vividly every scene he attempts to describe."

"Very fine—very fine indeed! murmured Bee absently, pursuing her own train of thought. "And so uncommon!"

"Original, you mean?"

"Y—yes, 'original,' I should have said, of course," hastily, and attempting to collect her scattered ideas and recollect the commencement of the poem, in which she had been really interested until her study of the reader so completely engrossed her. "And you read so beautifully, Mr. Etheridge."

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