THE PAINTER'S SECRET

BY PERCY B. ST. JOHN.

Charles Dupont dwelt in one of those nu-

merous small apartments which form the sum-

mit of nearly all large hotels or mansions in

ferent observer, he presented the aspect of one

who was simply indulging in the pleasures of

tobacco smoke; but such was not the case .--

The house he occupied ran round three sides

of a square court, the fourth being taken up by

the wall of the next house. On the opposite

side of the court, and on the same floor as that

occupied by himself, was the apartment of a

working-girl. This young person was remark-

ably pretty, and had been often remarked by

the young artist, with at first only the admiring

eye of a painter, but afterwards with more ten-

She was a very industrious girl. She rose

early, almost with the sun, and went to bed late,

as the young artist knew, for he often noticed

her candle burning until midnight. Almost

alone in the world, without friends, save a few

students like himself, Charles Dupont felt him-

self irresistably drawn towards that happy smi-

ling face which had so often formed the charm

of his garret window. . Of late, the young man

seemed unusually fond of smoking. Every mo-

ment not taken up by his art was occupied in

inhaling the fragrance of the Indian weed. He

scarcely ever went out now, his walks in search

of scenery were abandoned, and never joined

his more noisy companions at those public

estaminets where the young hopes of France

spend their hours in playing billiards, cards,

dominoes, in drinking unnumbered glasses of

Charles Dupont was in love, and much as the

cold-hearted and worldly may sneer, the influ-

ence of this passion, when sincere and pure, is

always beneficial to a young man. The change

it produced in Charles, was that always inci-

dent to elevated and superior minds, generally

the simplest. He had no care now for noisy

pleasures. His dream was to be near to the

unknown idol of his heart, to sit by her, to read

to her, to talk to her, and as these could not

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deeply, for he too saw no chance of making his way to the side of his beloved. One day, it was in the month of May, the young girl stood at her window, putting some then, poor orphan child, what was to become sters of the deep."—Charleston Courier.

pretty flowers in water. She was dressed better than usual, and had got up a little later .-Charles Dupont was more struck than ever by the sweet smile that sat upon her face, and by her really singular beauty. An idea flashed across his mind. He took off his working blouse, passed his hand through his hair, took his hat, and went out of his room, locking the door behind him. He moved rapidly and boldt ly to the door of the young girl. Once in fronof it, he halted. Charles was brave; and would have efended a barricade with cool determination; but there he hesitated. Mustering courage, however, he knocked gently. The instant he had done so, he would have given the world to have been away, and his heart beat so violently he could almost hear its throbbings.

"What is it I can do for Monsieur?" said the young girl, smiling and blushing, as on opening the door she recognised her handsome neigh-

bor the artist.

"Mademoiselle," said Charles with considerable hesitation, "I fancied by your flowers and your dress, that to-day was your fete. I am your neighbor, and I thought I might take the liberty to come and wish you a happy one." "Monsieur is very good. We are old neigh

bors, it is true though we have never spoken-"It has not been for the want of wishing on my part," exclaimed the artis eagerly.

The young girl looked at Charles. There was so much modesty, resigned and respectful affection in the expression of his face, that she could not for a moment confound him with the usual mass of young men, who, caught by her pretty face, had sought to make her acquaintance. She held out her hand.

"Since we are neighbors, let us be friends," said she.

"Oh, thank you," exclaimed Charles, with a burst of genuine gratitude. "Mademoiselle, you do me good. I have no friends. I scarcely ever see a human face which has any sympathy for me. If Mademoiselle would only let me paint her portrait, it would give me so much pleasure."

"But, Monsieur, it would be encroaching on your goodness," replied Constance, who, however, looked excessively pleased. "You accept then ?" "Why, Monsieur, I never had my portrait painted. How could I refuse?"

"We would begin to day, but this is your fete. Would Mademoiselle allow me the honor of

taking her out for a walk?" Constance, after a moment's hesitation, accepted. When one is young, one makes friends so

easily, especially in France; and then Charles had the talent of making himself liked by everybody. He entered her little room, so neat, so clean, so pretty, it made him sigh, as he compared it with his own bachelor den, where no woman's hand had for many months disturbed either dust or cobwebs. In ten minutes Constance was ready. She put on a nice bonnet and a neat shawl, the fruits of her industry, and then tripped down stairs happy as a bird, for we may as well reveal the secret. Constance had for more than a month longed as much to Paris. He was a young man about twenty, make the pale young artist's acquaintance, as and as he stood at his garret window in the he had to make hers.

They made for the Boulevards mechanically. light of the summer's sun, smoking, as artists are wont to smoke, a short pipe, he looked as every body does, followed them some dishandsome, and for many women, captivating. tance, crossed the magnificent Place de la Con-He was pale, thin, and intellectual-looking, with cord, the finest Place in the world, entered the long hair, mustaches and beard. To an indif | Champs Elysees, and by common consent made for the Bois de Boulogne. It was a lovely day. But though they had both seen many such, yet they thought they never had. They scarcely spoke. Walked arm in arm, side by side, and in the wood hand-in-hand. Once Charles asked Constance if she enjoyed her-

> "I am so happy," she replied, raising her dove-like eyes beaming with happiness towards

There was something in the words, in the look, which made the young man's heart beat with intense emotion. Thus passed the day in occasional conversation, in constant walking until both felt hungry. They then entered the house of a humble traiteur, and the young artist offered his fair friend a very plain dinner, but which neither would have exhanged for the feasts of the Palais-National. Happy age! happy feelings! happy Charles! happy Constance

Towards dusk they returned to Paris, and the young man insisted, on the occasion of the girl's fete, upon taking her to the theatre .-They selected a moderate priced seat, and here again, the thing being rare to both, enjoyed themselves exceedingly. On leaving the thea-tre they walked quietly home and parted, to think with rapture on the happiest day which either had ever yet spent.

The acquaintance so pleasantly made was continued. Every morning they nodded to beer, and in blackening short clay pipes—a perfect science in the city of Paris. But then, one another from their windows, and about mid-day, Constance gave the artist a sitting .--Several times, too, Charles brought in sketches to show her, and then in the evening he would get books from a cabinet de lecture and read to her. Every day their happiness seemed to increase. They learned each other's good qualities. Charles was well-educated, well-read, with a fund of anecdote, and rich stores of knowledge. Constance knew little, but she was an apt scholar. She had a quick intelligence, a noble and generous heart, and she

be, he was satisfied to gaze on her at a diswas pure and innocent as a child. For some weeks the lovers, for such they Plans upon plans were laid by the young now were, went on happier, each day than the man, to make the acquaintance of his fair mislast. The portrait made little progress, because Constance could spare but little time, and betress; but, like all sincere lovers, in the outset, he was timid. He remarked with pleasure cause Charles talked more than he painted .-that she had very few visitors, and those always Still it went on. At the end, however, of a of her own sex. None ever escaped his jealous month, Constance remarked that Charles was eye, who entered that room, and he never saw paler than usual, and his spirits seemed gone, he brought no book in the evening, and went a man enter it. Charles sighed, however. away early to bed She questioned him, poor girl, for she was deeply anxious. She feared he was falling ill, that he was going to die, and

of her. For Canstance loved him dearly, as women only love men who are above the common mass; men of mind and intellect, though women who can love such men are more rare and precious than aught else in the world.

She watched narrowly the painter's face, and the wild eye and haggard looks made her see that the sufferings of Charles were more mental than any thing else. The mind was ill at ease. She offered to go in and work in his room, while he painted, but he stammered out some excuse, and declined. It was clear then he had a secret, and woman's curiosity was at once at work. She questioned him, she coaxed, she was cross with him, but all in valu, he returned but vague answers to all she said .--Constance became uneasy; what could be the matter? He became paler every day, and came less to see her. One day she heard him leave his room and go hurriedly down stairs: She ran out to speak to him, to ask when he would come back, but he was gone. His key was in his door. It was a miserable garret, containing nothing save a few paintings and a mattress on the floor. Not a chair, not a scrap of any thing in the shape of clothes or food. Constance rushed out of the room, turned the key, and gained her own lodgings, threw herself on her bed and sobbed aloud. Charles was starving. A few pawn-broker's tickets lying on the mantle-piece had more than anything else convinced her of this fact. The pain and suffering now endured by Con-

stance is not to be described. Her feelings were worked up to an intense pitch of excitement. From finding her affection lessened at the discovery of the student's poverty, she found it much increased. An unearthly interest seemed now attached to the name of Charles. She felt his talents to be great, and in her heart was sure that he would rise to competence and fame. But at that moment he was clearly starving. What was she to do? She would have rushed to him, have told him all, and bid share her humble meal, use her little savings, and thus gain time to work; but she feared to wound his pride. He had hitherto kept his own secret, he therefore wished his sufferings to be concealed from her. In vain she thought of any project for relieving his misery, without betraying her full knowledge of it. The poor girl wept bitterly at her own want of inventive genius.

At last, however, an idea flashed across her mind. She caught up some work she had finished the night before, and putting it in a neat parcel, hurried down stairs, taking with her also the half finished portrait of herself by Charles. She gained the street, and made towards the habitation of a lady for whom she had been working. Madame Pellissier was a young widow, rich, courted, and happy. With every luxury and comfort around her, which wealth could give, she deserved her well-being, for she made good use of it. Fond of pleasure, she was even still fonder of giving pleasure to others. Many were the poor families which owed to her relief from misery and despair. Madame Pellissier would always give up the most charming day's amusement, to find out the details of some tale of sorrow which had been told her: and she felt, when her morning had been thus profitably spent that the afternoon passed more gayly, more quickly, more delightful than usu-

"Welcome, Constance," she said as the working-girl was ushered into her breakfast room. I was waiting impatiently for you. My cousin Pierre is coming to take me for a drive in the Bois de Boulogne by and by, and I want to wear that cloak, which, no doubt you have made charmingly." "I hope it will please you, Madame," replied

Constance, taking a proffered seat. "What is that you have in that square par-

cel child? and why are you so out of breath and so pale ?" "It is a whole history," said Constance low-

ng her eyes upon the ground. "Let me have it. You know I am vastly curious. Take this cup of chocolate, and tell it to me at once.'

Constance, taking courage from the emergency, told, in as few words as possible, her history. She narrated how she made the acquaintance of the painter, and then how, after nearly a month's delay, she had found out his secret. Madame Pellissier listened with rapidly awakened interest. "And what would you have me do, child ?"

said she, when the young girl had told her

"Madame, Charles Dupont is very proud .-Relief in money he would not receive, but if you would only be so good as to sit for your portrait to him, you would add deeply to that debt of gratitude which Constance already owes vou.

"With pleasure," cried the young widow .-But it seems the case is pressing. Give me his address, and I will send round to him at once. But I cannot pay him for the portrait until it is finished. Has he anything I can buy of him ?"

"He has several little pictures in his room," replied Constance, in a tone of deep emotion. "Go home, child, and be satisfied. My cousin shall ride alone to-day. I will write round to your protege at once.'

"But, Madame, not a word of me." "Never fear, Constance; I know your good little heart."

[To be Continued.]

Monsters of the Deep .- A Shark, of the Tiger species, measuring eleven feet nine inches in length, and six feet in circumference, was taken in our harbor yesterday morning; and shortly afterwards, another was caught, measuring nine feet four inches in length. We understand that our harbor is full of these "mon-