KISSING THE SLEEPER.

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A tall, graceful girl of eighteen or twenty moved rapidly down one of the long corridors of Grace Hospital, New York, one bright winter morning in 1900. She looked carefully at each numbered door she passed, until she finally stopped and noiselessly pushed one open, entered, closing it softly behind her. She stood listening a moment just inside, then whispering softly "He's asleep," stole on tiptoe to the side of the bed, which stood in the farthest corner of the room, and looked down upon the occupant.

A low, astonished exclamation burst from her lips, though it did not awaken the sleeper, who, evidently, under the influence of an opiate slumbered on.

A moment the girl stood irresolute, as though bewildered, when suddenly a look of relief came into her eyes, and a smile replaced the perplexed expression on her face.

"I must be on the wrong floor," she said, glancing around. "The room is an exact duplicate of George's." Then with a lingering look at the sleeper, "He's very handsome. How pale he is! Poor fellow! I just believe since I'm here, I'll—well, 'kiss him for his mother.'"

A blush suffused the fair, pitying face as she stooped and lightly pressed her lips to the sick man's forehead, then turned and swiftly left the room.

Three months later Raymond Winton, some little time restored to health, sat before a large easel in his studio, putting the final delicate touches to a wonderful painting in oil.

It represented a room in a hospital. Upon the bed the patient—a man—lay with his face partially turned so that the features could not be readily discerned, although in a certain subtle way the artist had given the impression that he was young and handsome. A sense of familiarity between the face of the artist and patient was also dimly felt.

Above the bed, in a half stooping posture, as though about to kiss the sleeper, was a tall, graceful girl, her beautiful face full of such pity as to almost seem a caress. She was attired richly in a long, black, clinging cloth gown, with a jacket of the same material. An ermine collar and muff accentuated the sombreness of the robe and large feather trimmed hat, at the same time bringing into delicate relief the exquisite transparency of her skin, the gold of her hair, and the torquoise blue of her eyes.

It was a striking picture; unique in design, splendid in workmanship and finish. No wonder the artist, from time to time, contemplated it with delight.

"Ah, my dream lady, you are real enough there to exist in flesh and blood. No one would take you to be the figment of a dream. Lucky thing that illness of mine! If I mistake not this picture will bring me greater fame than any other. I never could love any girl except the original of that picture, and she exists only in my imagination. Queer, though, I should have such a dream and been so impressed by it—the effect of the opiates, I suppose. No wonder so many people become addicted to their use if they induce dreams as beautiful! Heigho! Time to get ready for that reception at Mrs. Norman's, so I'll put you aside for the night, my queen."

"Oh, Mr. Winton, so glad to see you! Allow me to introduce you to my niece, Miss Selden. Lillias, my dear, Mr. Winton."

With difficulty Raymond Winton suppressed the exclamation of surprise and delight that came involuntarily at sight of that girl before him. Tall, sweet and fair as some Grecian goddess she stood in her soft, clinging gown of white, the exact counterpart of his beautiful "lady of dreams." There was, however, no recognition in her eyes as she acknowledged the introduction and then chatted quietly with him upon the latest society topics.

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"Well, Lillias, how did you enjoy the reception, and—Raymond Winton. He is unassuming, and yet a talented artist with a rapidly growing reputation. He was very ill several months ago, but since his recovery has been painting a very superior picture, 'tis said a master piece in its way. Now when I think of it, he was in the hospital where George was, and about the same time, too. With the exception of one or two reporters no one has seen the picture, although it is finished, or nearly so. It seems the inspiration came to him through a dream he had during his illness at the hospital. He has christened it 'My Lady of Dreams.' We seem to be especially honored, for last night, on leaving he invited me to bring you to the studio to see it. It's to be placed on exhibition next week, and he particularly mentioned that he desired you to see it before that time. You certainly must have made a deep impression upon him."

The girl blushed rosily but made no reply.

The next afternoon the artist, with as little delay as possible in the reception room, courteously ushered Mrs. Norman and her niece into his studio. A large covered picture stood upon an easel in the centre of the room. Seating the ladies before it, the artist, with his eyes on Lillias, carefully raised the cover and revealed the "dream lady." So true to life was it that even in such close proximity it seemed as real and sentient as the living girl.

Mrs. Norman uttered an exclamation of astonished delight, while Lillias seemed electrified, her delicate figure trembling with emotion, her face suffused with blushes.

In an instant she recalled the January day in the hospital where she had gone to visit her sick brother and by mistake entered a duplicate room on the floor below, that of the handsome stranger, whom—ah, how absurd!—she had actually kissed. And he! She knew he was asleep. Could it have been otherwise? She stole a timid, beseaching glance at Winton, and read the embarrassing affirmation in his smiling but respectful gaze.

"It seems a remarkable mental phenomenon, does it not?" he asked with ready tact. "Perhaps some day you will assist me to a better understanding of it. However, I am confident that until last I never saw you with my external sight, Miss Selden."

"No?" the girl queried, half doubtingly.

"Impossible!" said Mrs. Norman.

"True, nevertheless," replied the artist. Then he related the cause of his hospital experience—rheumatic fever, during which he was kept under some opiate so constantly that he could not even recall the time when the dream occurred. The picture, as he had reproduced it, came consciously to his mind one day during his convalescence, and when the effect of the opiates was entirely removed from his system.

It is needless to say that public exhibition of the picture was deferred until several months later, when Lillias became the affianced wife of Raymond Winton, and as such, as well as the subject of its inspiration, shared with the artist the honor it brought.

Neither was it until they stood alone before it in the public gallery that Lillias assisted him to a more logical conclusion concerning its origin. When she finished the story which the reader already knows, Winton drew her to him, and gazing affectionately into her eyes said slowly:

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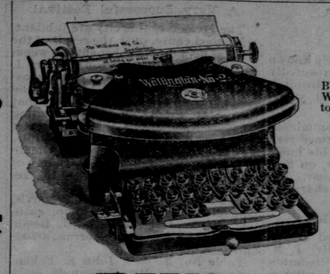


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Owings Mills		9.04	11.02	5.28	6.59	10.20	3.56
Glyndon	5.11	9.17	11.14		7.10	10.33	4.09
Emory Grove		9.18	11.15		7.11	10.34	4.10
Finksburg		9.26	11.25		7.19	10.46	4.42
Carrollton		9.38	11.38		7.31	10 59	4.23
Westminster	5.40	9.52	11.53	5.54	7.47	11.16	4.44
Avondale		9.58	12.00		7.53	11.22	4.51
New Windsor	5.53	10.08	12.10	6.09	8.03	11.34	5.03
Linwood		10.13	12.16		8.08	11.40	5.10
Union Bridge	6.00	10.17	12.20	6.18	8.12	11.45	5.15
Middleburg		10.22	P M.	6 23	P M	AM.	P.M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.25		6.27			
D. F. Creek		10.29		6 31			
Rocky Ridge		10.36		6.37			
Thurmont	6.25	10.47		6.47			
Edgemont	7.05	11.31		7.31			
Waynesboro	†7.22	11.51		7.52			
Chambersbg	†7.56	12.28		8.28			
Shippensburg		12.55		8.55			
Hagerstown	7.30	11 5		8.00			
Williamsport	A M.	P M.		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. P M. *	4. AM †	8. AM †	12. P M. †	16. P M. †	52. AM ‡	54 P M. ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.12		7.05		2.10		
Shippensburg	†2.55		6.00				
Chamb'rsburg	†3.30		6.28		1.45		
Waynesboro	†4.10		7.01		2.18		
Edgemont	4.40		7.35		2.41		
Thurmont	5.17		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge	5.26		8.16		3.31		
D. F. Creek			8.23		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44		
Middleburg			8.39		3.47		
Union Bridge	5.45	6.25	8.46	12.55	3.55	6.45	4.00
Linwood		6.30	8.49	12.59	3.59	6.50	4.04
New Windsor	5.53	6.37	8.54	1.04	4.04	6.57	4.10
Avondale		6.56		1.13	4.14	7.11	4.22
Westminster	6.07	7.00	9.09	1.19	4.20	7.20	4.29
Carrollton		7.15	9.22	1.32	4.34	7.37	4.45
Finksburg		7.25	9.32	1.42	4.44	7.52	4.57
Emory Grove		7.34		1.50	4.52	8.02	5.09
Glyndon	6.36	7.41	9.41	1.51	4.59	8.07	5.10
Owings Mills		7.53		2.02	5.04	8.19	5.23
Pikesville		8.04	9.55	2.11	5.10	8.31	5.35
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.00	2.17	5.15	8.38	5.42
Arlington		8.15		2.19	5.18	8.42	5.45
Baltimore	7.17	8.39	10.20	2.40	5.37	9.07	6.11
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York		P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P M	A M	P M

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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