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THE MADONNA IN ART

VARIED CONCEPTIONS BY THE WORLD'S GREATEST PAINTERS.

Raphael's Sistine Madonna and the "Madonna della Sedia"—A Story About Murillo's "Madonna of the Napkin."

There is one subject for a picture which has never grown old or tiresome. It was seen in the rough daubs of the painters of the dark ages when melted wax and coarse wood were the artist's materials and the knowledge of anatomy was a fearful thing akin to witchcraft; it is seen nowadays hung in the Salon, painted on fine canvas with paints that are almost luminous, drawn by master hands and signed by master names. The Madonna and the Child—no subject has ever stirred the hearts of men as this one has, because no subject could be so universally understood. The scholar and the prince, the peasant woman and the little child, none fails to grasp its meaning, and through the hearts of all it sends a kindred thrill.

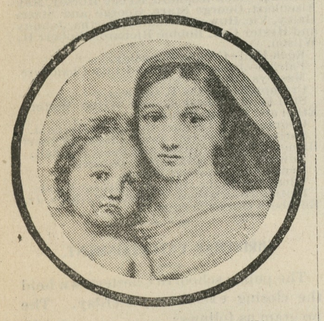
It would be impossible to make a collection of all the Madonnas that have been painted. There would be at least a thousand, and they are scattered all over the world, from Raphaels of priceless value to the modest canvases which adorn village churches. There have been many controversies, too, regarding the merit of the paintings, some preferring the modern Madonnas and some the ancient.

"What is the greatest Madonna ever painted?" I asked a fashionable engraver. He pointed to an etching of the Sistine Madonna.

"And what is the Madonna that you have the most call for?" I pursued. He pointed to the same picture.

There is no doubt about it. It is the pearl of them all, the crowning work of Raphael's long procession of Virgins. The others were but studies for this one. With the dignity of a mother and of a queen she holds her son in her arms and shows him to the world, as if hurt and angered by its sin. He presses closer to her, with divine indignation in his eyes, but there is a look in the Virgin's face of infinite compassion, as if she understood the miseries of men and would be their mediator.

Another of Raphael's works was set before me—the "Madonna della Sedia," or the Madonna with the chair, and about this there is a pretty story. In Italy there lived a peasant named Ma-



HEAD OF THE SISTINE MADONNA.
[By Raphael.]

ry. She was a good girl in every way—industrious, devout and charitable. One day she found a hermit lying ill on the mountain side, and as a reward for the help she gave him he blessed her, so the legend goes, and prophesied that one day she would be painted as the mother of God. Years passed by, and as she sat in the garden one sunny afternoon with her baby in her arms and her little boy playing about her knee a handsome young man entered the gate and paused in admiration on seeing the group.

"I am Raphael Sanzio," he said, doffing his velvet cap, "and I would like to paint you as you sit there." And that was the original of the Virgin, the Child and the little St. John in the "Madonna della Sedia."

If I had not been speaking particularly of Madonnas with the Child, I should have placed Murillo's "Immaculate Conception" next to the Sistine Madonna in popularity, for certainly this great masterpiece is appreciated. There

MADONNA AND CHILD.
[By Grosse.]

is, however, a less well known Virgin of Murillo about which there is a curious story. As he was about to leave a monastery where he had been executing an altar piece, the cook, a fervent brother, begged the artist to paint him a little Madonna. The prayer was such an earnest one that Murillo could not refuse. There was no canvas on hand, so seizing a napkin he painted on it a rough sketch of the Virgin. The features were of such beauty that it was carefully preserved and is to this day known as the "Madonna of the Napkin."

Among the modern paintings the Madonna of Bodenhausen, with her long flowing hair and her sweet faced Child, is a great favorite. True, the girlishness of the Virgin detracts somewhat from her dignity, but that is the modern idea. The "Virgin of Deliverance," by Hebert, is a masterpiece and is one of the very best of the modern conceptions of Mary, combining as it does great dignity with sweetness. The German artist Grosse, who spent some of the best years of his life studying Raphael, has painted an admirable Madonna, but perhaps of all living artists Bouguereau's talent for painting beautiful young girls and little children enables him to give us the most poetic and beautiful Virgin.

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BY WILLIS B. HAWKINS.

When ma begins to tiptoe round
'N we begin to hear
A certain hushy, whisp'rin sound
About this time of year,
We know that she 'n Sandy Claus
Are fixin things to do,
'N so we never peek, because
They never want us to.

When sister Mary goes about
A-hintin that she wishes
She had a teapot with a spout
To match her set of dishes,
We know it's time for us to write
Our letters 'n to set 'em
Beside the hearth where, in the night,
Ole Sandy Claus'll get 'em.

When all the seats in Sunday school
Are filled 'ith girls 'n boys
'N no one ever breaks a rule
'R makes a bit of noise,
We know it can't be very long
Till Sandy will appear
'N pass his presents to the throng
That comes but once a year.

When Aunt Melindy comes 'n brings
The children 'n the bird,
'N she 'n ma make popcorn strings,
We never say a word,
But anybody ought to see
That she has come to stay
Till time to have the Chris'mus tree,
Which can't be far away.

When pa comes sneakin 'crost the lot
A-lookin guilty, so 't
You'd think he'd stole the things he's got
Inside his overcoat,
We know it's time for us to run
'N carry in the wood
'N see that all our chores are done
'N otherwise be good.

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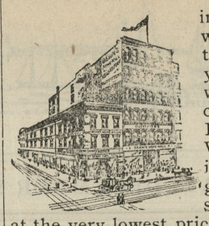

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