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DOES SUCH A MAN LIVE?

A Tokio review has been asking its women readers for their ideal of a husband. Here are the seventeen virtues of the paragon, placed according to the order of their importance in the eyes of fair Japan:

He must not be a miser; not be too much taken up with his own toilette; be manly in appearance; not be a woman's man; express himself clearly, avoiding anything like a hint; be prompt in decision and clever in extricating himself from an awkward position; have an ideal which may be left to his own choice; leave the management of the household to his wife; never put his face inside the kitchen; never criticize his wife's hats or dresses; never make other people the recipients of his confidences; not end by becoming an object of disgust to his wife; not interfere in feminine matters at all; cultivate virtue of compassion; not drink heavily; not be fat; not be too jealous.

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When You and I Were Young, Maggie.

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In the days when the ballad here given was meeting with its greatest favor, I was told by a young man who had visited the Unicois Mountains of East Tennessee, and later by a young lady friend whose voice I oftentimes heard in rendition of this sweetly sentimental ballad, that the Maggie referred to in the song had once lived among the historic Unicois, and that the old mill still stood as she had left it.

A recent visit to these beautiful mountains recalled to me the old story, and I made a point of looking up the scenes of the ballad and of verifying the tender traditions of a real Maggie and a real mill.

The mill as I saw it stands upon the banks of a most lovely creek, a tributary of Hiwassee River, which is the greatest of the Unicois streams, and is all that its name in the Indian language implies, "Beautiful River." A short distance from the mill of cove, securely sheltered beneath the Cataska Peak, stands an old house, a log structure, with parts long ago fallen away. The scenery about the house and mill is most picturesque, and it is here, so tradition has it, that the Maggie of the song lived as a child and then as a young woman.

Here among the daisies and beneath the great poplar, chestnut and towering evergreen hemlock she sang as she grew to womanhood, and unconsciously waited for him who was to come. And when her face was at its fairest, from somewhere beyond the world in which Maggie lived, there came a youth into the Unicois in search of gold, reports of which have lured many to this region, both before and since.

The young man of our story sought the mountains in the days when Maggie was young. In his canoe he came from the Tennessee River up the Hiwassee and arrived one morning at the mouth of a clear creek. His instructions were to follow the creek to the mill, but the current soon became too swift in the shallow channel to admit of the further passage of his canoe, and so, tying his boat, he went on foot to the creaking old mill, with its big overshoot wheel streaming with water and gleaming in early morning light. The creaking of the axle as the big wheel slowly revolved no doubt seemed a welcome sound, after a night in the awful solitude of that region, during which, with his boat lashed to the bank, he had, for the most part, only feigned sleep.

But it was a fair scene that greeted his eyes when again the sun had flamed aloft, revealing flowers of rhododendron and laurel upon each bank, rocks veiled with long, clinging wreathes of ferns and moss, and numberless birds amid the dripping treetops above him singing their morning melodies.

And so it was in the midst of all this the young man strode to the home of Maggie and to the mill of the song. It is said that Maggie, in the absence of her father, used to run the mill, looking after keeping the hopper full of grain and regulating the flood gates.

Now the most sacred memories of life to lovers cluster about the spot where they first met, so we may be pardoned if we add imagination to the tradition and say that here was the first meeting of the lovers, for in the song the stillness of the mill is pathetically referred to.

We know nothing of Maggie's culture or refinement beyond the fact that the song tells us she sang. The fact that she lived in the mountains does not prove that her education had been neglected, for it must be remembered that she was within a day's ride of the old Coghill Academy, in the Kannasaga Valley. At this place she may have attended school, as did many of the mountain folk of those days, and it is easy to believe that her real character was strengthened by at least a creditable education.

No doubt, of all the army of gold prospectors who have gone away from the Unicois, the husband of Maggie felt richer than any, when, after a brief courtship he took her in his boat and returned to his home. They spent many, many happy years together, but now at last they care no more for the riches of the world. They have reached old age; shadows are gathering thickly, and their heads are likened unto spray by the breakers flung. And so, in their old age their hearts turn again toward the mountain and the mill now described as so intent and still. Together they view the old family hearthstone about which Maggie grew from childhood to womanhood. The voices of the happy long ago are hushed forever. Maggie's parents are sleeping on the hill where the daisies used to bloom, and where the birds amid the trees joined in the songs that Maggie sang in the long, long ago. The old home where Maggie was born is silent and deserted forever.

In the olden scene memories of all the vanished years are awakened, and Maggie's mate, now old and gray, in loving tribute to her virtue, remembering their hopes and their trials, their failures and their successes, induces a tender love song to his aged companion. The scene of her childhood and of their courtship inspired him with renewed appreciation of his aged wife, and he gave to the world this song of Maggie and the mill. The old mill and the miller's daughter have inspired many a song and poem, but this ballad is rare among many songs of its kind, since it breathes the tenderness of a romance which time nor custom were strong enough to stale, and finds an echo in every heart that listens to its message of simple faith and hope.

I have wandered today to the hill, Maggie.

To watch the scene below,

The creek and the creaking old mill, Maggie,

As we used to long ago.

The green grove is gone from the hill, Maggie,

Where first the daisies sprung,

The creaking old mill is still, Maggie,

Since you and I were young.

CHORUS:

But now we are aged and gray, Maggie,

The trials of life are nearly done,

Let us think of the days that are gone, Maggie,

Since you and I were young.

A city so silent and lone, Maggie,

Where the young and the gay and the best,

In polished white mansions of stone, Maggie,

Have each found a place of rest;

Is built where the birds used to play, Maggie,

And join in the songs that were sung.

For we sang as gay as they, Maggie,

When you and I were young.

They say I am feeble with age, Maggie,

My steps are less sprightly than then;

My face is a well written page, Maggie,

But time alone was the pen.

They say we are aged and gray, Maggie,

As spray by the white breakers flung,

But to me you're as fair as you were, Maggie,

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A WORD FOR THE BOY.

He is at the Forks of the Road When He is Fifteen Years of Age.

A boy fifteen years of age, is, in our opinion, at the most important period of his life. He is at the forks of the road. What he needs more than anything else is sympathy and advice. It would be strange indeed, if boys did not build castles in Spain, at that age, and what they need is the practical suggestion of some one who they need either sympathy or advice. It is a great mistake. They need it as much as girls. We have never known one of them to refuse to take advice, if it were tendered at the right time, in the right place and in the right spirit. The mistake that most people make in talking to boys is that they lecture them in season and out, persecute them with all sorts of foolish suggestions, and expect more from them than they would from a man. If we had any word of counsel to give it would be: "Don't lecture a boy, Don't nag him. Don't persecute him if he has done wrong. Don't laugh at him if he has failed, perhaps in some over-ambitious boyish schemes. Don't crush him. Don't break his spirit. Give the boy a chance. Show him his mistake, and then show him what he should do. When you crush a boy's spirit you have ruined the boy—in all probability he will blossom into a first class dude."

SO SIS SAYS.

Modest Suitor—I am going to marry your sister, Willie, but I know I am not good enough for her.

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