

AN ADROIT SELL.

One day a gentleman called at the store of Mr. Ralph Hardman with a violin-box under his arm. He purchased a neck-tie, for which he paid 50 cents, and then asked permission to leave his box while he did a few errands down town. Old Hardman—a dealer in new and second-hand clothing—had no objection.

"It is a violin," said the gentleman, "which I prize very highly. It was given me by an old Italian who died at my father's house. I beg you will be careful of it, sir."

Mr. Hardman promised, and the owner of the precious violin departed.

Towards noon, while the old clothing dealer was very deeply engaged in the work of selecting a suit of shoddy for bang-up Prussian Tricot, a stranger entered the store—a remarkably well dressed man, with a distinguished look. The violin-box was in sight upon the shelf, and as no one was near to prevent, the new comer slipped around and opened the box took out the instrument—a very dark-hued and an ancient-looking one.

"Hallo!" cried Hardman, when he heard the sound of the violin.

"What for you touch dat eh?"

The stranger explained that he was a professor—that he was leader of an orchestra—and that he could never see a violin without trying it. And then he drew the bow across the strings, playing a few passages of a fine old German waltz.

"My soul!" he cried, after he had run his fingers over the instrument awhile, "this is the best violin I ever saw! There is not a better in the city—a perfect, genuine old Cremona! I will give you a hundred dollars for it."

Hardman said it was not his.

"I will give you a hundred and fifty—two hundred."

Mr. Hardman was forced to explain how the violin came to be left in his store.

The stranger had taken out his pocket-book and drawn forth two one hundred dollar bank notes. He put them back, remarking:

"I must have the violin if money will buy it. When the owner returns, you will ask him to meet me here at 6 o'clock. If he cannot do that, tell him to call at the office of the treasurer of the Academy of Music, and inquire for the director of the orchestra.—Will you do it?"

Hardman said he would.

"But," suggested the stranger, "you need not tell the man what I have said about this violin, nor what I offered, because he may have no idea of what a treasure he possesses. You will be careful and circumspect."

The stranger went away, and Ralph Hardman reflected. In the course of an hour the owner of the violin returned and asked for his box. But the shoddy man had been captivated by the golden bait.

What would the gentleman sell his violin for?

At first the gentleman would not listen to the proposition; but after a great deal of talk he confessed that he himself was not a professor, and could not well afford to keep such a valuable instrument.

He would sell it for one hundred and seventy-five dollars—not a penny less.

Ralph Hardman paid the money, and became the legal possessor of the violin, ready to take any where from three hundred to five hundred dollars from the director of the orchestra, as he might be able.

But the director did not come. At the end of a week Hardman carried the violin to a professional friend and asked him what was its real value. His friend examined it and said:

"Two dollars and a half without the box."

Ralph Hardman was strongly of the opinion that the gentleman who left the violin in his care was a swindler, and that the director was a partner in the business, and that, together, they had made him their victim.—That night shoddy was marked up ten per cent.

GENIUS.—Alexander Hamilton once said to an intimate friend:

"Men give me some credit for genius. All the genius I have lies just in this. When I have a subject, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pre-occupied with it. Then the effort which I make the people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought."

Mr. Webster once replied to a gentleman who pressed him to speak on a subject of great importance:

"The subject interests me deeply, but I have no time. There, sir," pointing to a huge pile of letters on the table, "is a pile of unanswered letters to which I must reply before the close of this session, (which was then three days off.) I have no time to answer the subject as to do it justice."

But Mr. Webster, a few words from you would do much to awaken public attention to it.

"If there is so much weight in my words as you represent, it is because I do not allow myself to speak on any subject until my mind is imbued with it."

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