By Guy de Maupassant **~~~~~~~~~** 

dinner. From the windows of the tould not forget her. Her charms cafe they overlooked the boulevard, were constantly before my eyes and which at this hour was crowded in my heart. I cherished her memwith people.

One of them, Henri Simon, said One of them, Henri Simon, said grown calm, and I loved her as one loves a dream of a most beautiful

sigh: "I feel that I am growing old, my friend. On such a night as this in the life of a man. They pass alin days gone by I was keenly alive most unnoticed. One follows upon to the pleasures of existence. To- the other slowly yet swiftly. Each Life is short at best.'

senior in appearance by any means, age creeps on without warning. but more slender and vivacious, re-

without noticing it. I was always | Etretat. gay and jolly, vigorous and all that. "One day last spring I went to the glass every day in the year the fitte. Just as the train was about ravages of age are not apparent. to start a portly matron entered the They are slow and regular and work couch I occupied accompanied by such gradual changes that the tran- four little girls. I could not help sition is not noticeable. We can looking curiously at this large, rohardly perceive it. To see it plain- tund, motherly creature, whose face ly one should not look into a mir- was like the full moon under a beror for six months at least, and then ribboned hat. She puffed and pant- and stupid. -ah, what a shock!

how I pity them! All their happi- ble, and I unfolded my newspaper think that a photograph flatters us? ness, their power, their life, is in and commenced to read. As we years at best.

"As for myself, I grew old with-out suspecting it. I thought myself not M. Carnier?" still a youth when I was near fifty years of age. Free from infirmities of any kind, I was going my way, happy and content. But the revelation of my decline came upon me in such a simple yet startling manner that I felt the effects of the shock six months afterward. Then I ac-

cepted my fate gracefully.
"I have often been in love, like all men, but once in my life I was quite hard hit. I met her at the seashore, Etretat, about twelve years ago, not long after the war. There is nothing more delightful the bathing hour. It is not very extensive, is curved like a horseshoe and encircled by tall, white cliffs, pierced with singular holes called the Gates.' One of these cliffs is enormous and stretches its gigantic length to the water's edge. The other is round and flat. The women swarm over this narrow strip, with its pebbled walks, and transform it into a brilliant garden of life, aiready half women, and she summer toilets within walls of rock. counted for nothing—she who had The sun shines full upon the coast, over parasols of every imaginable color and over the sea of topaz blue. the people lounge in the sand, sible! A violent pang wrung my watching the bathers as they come heart. I rebelled against Nature sends thrills of a delicious chill

through their veins. the crucible test of the bath. Their know, but it is only natural. I am figures stand revealed from ankle a mother now-nothing but a mothto throat. As they emerge from the embrace of the briny waters ei- erything else that is passed. I did ther their shortcomings are made not think that you would recognize plain to the eye or the rounded con- me or that we should ever meet tours of form and limb are en- again. You yourself are not as you hanced by the clinging, dripping garments.

was carried away by her charms. Few women possess the beauty of form that is startling and overpowering at the first glance—that seems experienced that sensation and that shock.

"I was introduced to her and was more deeply smitten than ever in old friend's hand and parted from my life. She made me her slave, her with a few trivial phrases. I and it was both terrible and delicious to submit thus to the reign of a woman. It is torture and indescribable felicity at once. Her look, the mirror and ended by recalling her smile, the little tendrils of hair to my mind the picture of myself round her neck ruffled by the breeze, every line in her face, her slightest | brown mustache and black hair and movement, captivated my senses and ensnared and drove me to distraction. She took complete posses-

sion of me. "She was married. Her husband came every Saturday and departed again on Monday. I was not in the least concerned about him nor jealous of his relation to her. No living creature ever seemed of less con-

sequence to me than this man.
"Ah, how I loved her, she who was so gay, so pretty and so grace-ful! She was youth, elegance and beauty. He instances the Zaro wofreshness personified. I never felt more keenly than I did then that a woman is a sweet, lovely and deli- fairs of the home and the nation. cate being made of charms and transmit property and leave men graces. Never before had I discov- nothing to do. Result, they are the ered the beauty that lay in the ugliest women on earth!

seesessessessessessesses rounded contour of a cheek, the movement of a lip, the curves and creases of a little ear, the shape Would a Glimpse of the Picture Thus even of that stupid feature the nose.

"This lasted three months, when I was called to America, whither I went with a crushed and broken The two friends had finished their | heart. French a Years went by. 1 heart. Even away from her I was ory with a tenderness that had and enchanting thing.

"Twelve years do not mean much night I have nothing but regrets. is long, yet soon at an end. Al-He was a man about forty-five leave few traces behind and vanish years old, a little stout and quite so completely that when one looks though they multiply rapidly, they back upon them there is nothing The other, Pierre Carnier, not his left to remind us of their flight, and

"I, my friend, have grown old lightful season lon the beach at men of our judges. And when we

For when one looks at himself in dine with friends at Maissons-Laed from the exertion of her hurried "And the women, old fellow— walk. The children began to babtheir beauty, and that lasts but ten passed Asnieres my neighbor suddenly accosted me:

"I beg your pardon, sir. Are you

"'Yes, madame.'

laugh of a cheerful woman, but there was just a tinge of sadness in her voice.

"'Do you not recognize me?" "I hesitated. It seemed to me that I had seen her face before, but I could not tell when and where. I answered:

"'Yes and no-I certainly know you, but I cannot recollect your name.' She blushed a little.

"'Mme. Julie Lefevre.' "I was startled out of my wits. than that beach in early morning at For a moment the earth seemed to reel around me, and a veil was rudely torn from my eyes which made me see things with terrible, heartrending clearness.

"It was she! This stout, common woman, the mother of these four girls! I eyed the little creatures with as much astonishment as I did their mother. They had followed once been such a marvel of delicate and coquettish charms!

"It seemed to me that I had It a jolly picture, enchanting to known her but yesterday, and to the eye. Close by the water's edge find her thus again! It was imposswift little steps, while the water for her death. This stout woman shal of France. was a stranger to me.

"She, too, was touched, and she "Few women are made to endure faltered: I am much changed, I er-a good mother. Farewell to evused to be. It took me some time to decide whether I was mistaken in "The first time I saw the young my surmise. Your hair has grown woman of whom I have spoken I quite gray. Think of it-twelve years is a long time. My oldest

daughter is nearly ten years old.' "I looked at the child and discovered in her some of the old charms to a man as if he had suddenly met of her mother, undefinable as yet, the creature he was born to love. I unformed and in the bud, and life seemed to me nothing more than a rapidly passing train. We arrived at Maissons-Lafitte. I kissed my

was too deeply moved to speak. "In the evening when I was alone I examined my face a long time in as I had been in bygone days, with a young, fresh face. But now I was old. Farewell!"

## Beauty Versus Brains.

A physician with wide experience among the insane has come to the conclusion after examining the brains of 1,600 subjects that nature makes palpable differences between male and female brains, and he fears that the tendency of too much education or intellectual development in women is to make them lose men of India. They are supreme, They woo the men, control the af-

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

Presented Be Helpful?

In spite of the curiosity of most of us to know what others really think of us it is doubtful whether the man lives who would not rise in wrath if compelled to listen to what others do think of him. It is odd that we are all so ready to swallow unstinted praise, but are at the same time equally ready to resent any unfavorable criticism. The latter we cannot but think is the result of lack of comprehension even if not

actually barbed with malice or envy. Burns asserted that if we could see ourselves from the standpoint

and through the eyes of others It wad frae monie a blunder free us An' foolish notion.

Nothing of the kind! It would, on the contrary, simply confirm us in our opinion that we were very harshly misjudged and altogether misunderstood, and instead of lowering "It seemed to me that only a few our estimate of ourselves would years separated me from that de- make us think still less of the acuagain turn to the mirror to convince ourselves that we are not as we are painted we are more than ever at a loss to comprehend how the eyesight of others can be so defective without their knowing it. Human nature is such that correct descriptions of the follies and foibles of others are deemed sarcastic and witty; those of our own ill natured

self bothers are deemed sarcastic and witter ty; those of our own ill natured and stupid.

How many of us are satisfied with a good portrait? How few of us at hink that a photograph flatters us?

All the same, the photographer's art lies in making a picture which, while like us, is not too much like us. What we need is not to see our selves as others see us, but to see our selves as others see us, but to see our selves as we are, which is quite a different matter—just as different matter in the seed of the two one positive; but, like most good photographs, would neither be flatter in mame sto famous people, there is no ly one instance known when a man and a flower received a title at the same moment. When Niel, a brave French general, was returning from the scene of his victories in the war between France and Austral in the war between F "Yes, madame.' ourselves as we are, which is quite a different matter—just as differ-

her; they had taken their places in have roots clinging to it, the generthriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took the plant as expressed a great admiration for the exquisite flowers, and on learning that the rose was nameless said significantly: "Then I will name it. It

## The Bench Was Barred.

A king's counsel was appearing in a case of slander, which was being heard before a certain judge, with whom outside court he was on the best of terms.

The chief witness was a woman, who appeared to testify to the al-

leged slander.
"Now, madam," began the king's counsel, "please repeat the slanderous statements made by the defendant on this occasion just as you heard them."

"Oh, they are unfit for any respectable person to hear," was the emphatic response as she looked in-

dignantly at the barrister.
"Then," said the king's counsel coaxingly, "suppose you just whis-

"Campbells Are Coming."

In one of the noonday prayer meetings held in a small country town in Scotland one of the leading Scotchwoman in Lucknow whose quick ear first discerned the music which announced the approach of the British army to raise the siege. He told the story very well until he came to her rapturous exclamation, which he gave thus: "Then, starting up and listening intently, she cried: Dinna ye hear it? The camels are comin'!' or the elephants—I forget which it was."—Scottish American.

They were discussing the factors which make for success in the world when the knowing man said:

"There's nothing like force of know.'

ter in his favor."

"A will of his uncle."

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remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1868 for the cure and treat-of beautiful pale yellow roses. One of the stems, which happened to have roots clinging to it, the general took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. Niel then took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms. a gift to the Empress Eugenie. She made by druggists and others that are cheap and good for light colds perhaps, but for severe Coughs, Bronchitis, Croup and especially for Consumption, tripping down in their flannel bath- and her brutal, infamous work of shall be the Marechal Niel," and at where there is difficult expectorarobes, which they discard with a destruction. I looked at her with the same moment she bestowed tion and coughing during the pretty movement as soon as the frightened eyes. When I took her upon the astonished general the nights and mornings, there is white fringed waves play around their feet. Then they run in with swift little steps, while the water for her death. This stout woman swift little steps, while the water for her death. This stout woman shall of France. cents. At Hood Bros., druggists.

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### NOTICE.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale, contained in a certain Mortgage deed, executed to I. D. Manning by Leroy Stallings and wife Roxanna Stallings, January 17th 1899, and daily Registered in the Registry of Johnston county, North Carolina in Book U. No. 7 page 384. I will sell for eash to the highest bidder at public anction, on Monday. December 5th 1862 at 12 o'clock M, the following tract of land lying and being in O'Neals township, Johnston county, North Carolina, and bounded as follows: On the North by Moccasin creek, on the East by the lands of Runyan creech; on the South by the lands of S. W. Creech; on the South by the lands of Clem Creech, containing forty acres.

The object of this sale is to cellect balance due on the bond of even date with the Mortgage. This November 6, 1902.

Jno. A. Narron,

Mortgagee.

Jno. A. Narron, Attorney, I. D. Manning.

### NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Harriet Branham, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 6th day of November 1903 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 6th day of November 1902.

JNO. A. NARRON, Administrator.

### NOTICE!

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a sudgment of the Superior Court in a special proceedings before the Clerk, in an action by the administrator of B. B. Kyals, deceased, to sell land for assets. The undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, at publicanction, for each at the store of Preston woodall, in the town of Benson, Johnston County, N. C., on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1902. to the highest and last bidder, the following tract of land: That tract of land lying and being in Johnston county, Banner township, adjoining the lands of L. M. Ryais, R. S. Ryais, Roger Langdon, Benj. Tiner, and situate on White Oak swamp, containing 30 acres. Being the home and farm of the late R. B. Ryais, deceased.

This October 18th, 1902,

H. B. RYALS, Commissi For further information call on JOEN A. NARRON, Attorney.

# NOTICE!

NOTICE!

By virtue of the authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me by Stephen Stevens and Sula Stevens, his wife, and dated October 12, 1898, and duly recorded in Book F, No. 7, page 452 in the Registry of Johnston County, I shall sell at public auction for cash, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, December I, 1992, a certain tract or parcel of land it ing and being in Johnston county, N. C., in Boon Hill township, and described as follows: Beginning at W. G. Woodard's corner, then south with big branch to the Woodard road; then down said road to W. G. Woodard's line; then west with his line to the beginning, containing It acres, more or less.

This November 1st, 1962.

J. U. HOWELL, Mortgagee.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Robert R. Eason decased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 10th day of November, 1906, or this notice will be pleaded inbar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

payment.
This November, 6th 1902.
X, D, Vinson, Administrator.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE!

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of the late George F. Uzzle, deceased, I hereby notify all person's having claims against said estate to present them to me duly verified on or before November 1st, 1903, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This October 30, 1902.

LEON F. UZZLE, Administrator.

Wilson's Mills, N. C.

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# NOTICE!

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain deed of mortgage executed to me on January 22th, 1901, by Turner Eason and wife, Pattie C. Eason, to me, and the same duly registered in the Registry of Johnston county, N. C., in Book G, No. 8, page 184. I shall, as mortgagee, sell to the highest bidder for cush, at public auction at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, on Saturday, December 29th at 12 o'clock M., the following described land: A tract of land in O'Neals Township, Johnston county, N. C., adjoining the lands of T. T. Oliver, J. D. Eason, deceased, and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake J. D. Eason's line, Kerney Eason's corner; thence S. 27 poles to a stake, near the run of a branch; thence with line of Lot No. 4, said division west 95 poles to a pine; thence N. to a pine; thence N. 75 poles to a stake, corner of Lot No. 2, said division; thence with the line of said Lot N. 175 poles to a stake, corner of Said Lot N. 176 poles to a stake, corner of Said Lot N. 176 poles to a stake, corner of Said Lot N. 176 poles to a stake, thence with his line E, 83.50 to the beginning, containing 125 acres. Terms Cash. Object of sale to satisfy amount due on bond this mortgage secures.

This Nov. 19th, 1962.

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## DR. J. W. HATCHER, (Successor to Dr. S. P. J. LEE.)

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