

The Filigree Bracelet

An Oriental Tale
By CLARISSA MACKIE

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On the third evening after the tourist steamer Neptune left Constantinople the little group of people whom congenial interests had drawn together aboard the big ship gathered their seven chairs in friendly proximity.

Professor Trayle laid his hand on the soft white wrist of his daughter, Madeline. "I notice that my daughter is wearing her filigree bracelet this evening, and it reminds me that there is a story connected with its purchase in Constantinople."

"Good!" cried Mr. Hanford, and his wife echoed approval in her quiet voice. "We have had the story of 'A Carpet From Mazandaran' and also the alluring tale of 'The Crystal Ball' and what Miss Gray saw in it. Let us have the bracelet story, and mind you omit no details, Miss Trayle."

"It's really the plainest sort of story," protested Miss Trayle. "I had planned, when my turn came, to relate the wonderful adventure father had with the bronze teapot."

"Ah, my dear, that is my very own story," laughed the professor. "I see that Mr. Felton has unrolled the carpet of Mazandaran, on which no man can sit and tell other than the truth, so remember that the old legend applies to both sexes."

"They all laughed as Alexander Felton spread the ancient bit of carpet which he had found in a remote interior province and Madeline Trayle with a single graceful movement sank to a seat upon its silken texture."

"Father and I spent a day among the bazaars in Constantinople," she began, "but we could not discover anything that resembled the bracelet I wanted. A dear friend of mine in New York possessed a filigree bracelet which was considered a perfect specimen of Byzantine silver work. I may as well save words by saying now that this bracelet is its duplicate in every detail."

"My friend said the bracelet had been purchased in the bazaar in Constantinople, and I supposed it would be an easy matter to duplicate it. The day father and I spent there revealed that there was not another bracelet like Emily Drake's in all Constantinople unless it was worn by some fair denizen of the city. Thus spoke the shopkeepers in the bazaar."

"Father has a friend who is interested in the raisin industry, and this gentleman has a villa on a vine clad slope beyond the tip of the Golden Horn, and it literally overhangs the Bosphorus sea. We drove out there and spent a day, and on our return to Constantinople we met an itinerant peddler, who offered me this bracelet."

"Of course we did not bargain long for it. It did not need his clever tale of its having once belonged to the sultan's favorite, who tired of the bauble and gave it to a slave woman, who in turn sold it to our peddler. He asked a ridiculous price, and father paid it without a murmur."

"We had not proceeded more than a hundred yards before the peddler was at our horse's heels, begging for another word with my father. Of course father had spoken to the man in his own language, and now he understood the babel of sounds that poured from his lips. As the sounds were accompanied by an outstretched palm I knew the man wanted money for something, and I saw father toss the peddler a twenty plaster piece and listen with interest to a long recital, accompanied by much gesticulation. Yes, indeed, father, you did appear much interested in the story the man told."

"When we were once more on our way toward the city father related the story the man had sold to him for 20 plasters. It was a good story, well worth 20 plasters, father, dear, do you believe you secured a bargain in that story?" Madeline smiled mischievously up into her father's rueful countenance.

"Remember, you're sitting on the carpet of truth, my dear," he warned laughingly. "It was a good story," protested Madeline. "Ah, do tell it!" cried Mrs. Hanford impatiently.

"Please do," chimed in the others. "The story went that the sultan bought it from a fortune teller, who predicted that whatever woman wore it on her arm might marry the richest man in the world. One can well imagine the supercilious incredulity of the sultan and the disdain with which he waved the story teller aside. Well, never mind whether father and I believed the story or not. The bracelet seemed to possess an added attraction for both of us, and I will confess that as soon as we reached the Neptune that afternoon I hastened to my stateroom and scrubbed it vigorously with soap and water until it became quite clean and bright."

"It's incredible how filthily some of that native jewelry is!" remarked Miss Gray, with a shudder of disgust. "Apparently they believe that a certain amount of soil laid on the article increases its interest and naturally increases its value," laughed her nephew, Arthur Clayton. "I'll confess to one fact of mine when I'm traveling around these parts and"

THE REPORT OF THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY

Ladies and Gentlemen:— It is again my privilege to address you, on the occasion of the second annual meeting of the Charlottetown Branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Prince Edward Island.

In reviewing the work of the Association since its inauguration it must be admitted that the ideals aimed at by its promoters have not been fully realized. This, nevertheless, when the difficulties that beset a new movement of this nature, difficulties that in many instances have their origin in the lack of knowledge or the apathy of those who are intended to be its chief beneficiaries, are taken into consideration very encouraging progress has been made, especially in the direction of education. The occult influences of which the Association is the central force are apparent in many instances and in many places. The rapidly disappearing habit of promissious expectation upon the sidewalks and in public places; the improved sanitary conditions in many parts of the city; the attention to ventilation and the hygienic conditions in the home, and the better understanding and application of the general rules of health, are among the things that stand to the credit of the Association.

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Free Dispensary is now in a flourishing condition and doing excellent work. I maintain that the Dispensary is an absolutely necessary adjunct to the anti-tuberculosis movement. Without it the organization would be deprived of the only tangible means of discharging its functions and extending its ramifications. It is to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association what the heart, arteries and veins, are to the animal organization. It is the centre of its life and being; the very pulse of the organization, and from it, and through it, must radiate those rays of light which, we confidently hope, shall some day dispel the gloom, suffering and sorrow, that tuberculosis has so universally distributed among all classes and conditions of civilized mankind.

The Dispensary is maintained entirely by voluntary subscription, and the generous response of the citizens in general, to its maintenance is a most encouraging indication that the efforts of the Association are understood and appreciated.

The City Council, the source from which the Association had a right to expect the greatest encouragement and financial support, is the only anticipated revenue that was not realized. That body absolutely ignored the application of the Association for financial aid, not even extending the courtesy of a reply, stating its reasons for so doing. In view of what other cities are doing in maintaining Free Dispensaries, the action of the City Government of Charlottetown is, to say the least, difficult to understand.

Towards this Association and its aims and objects, the attitude of the City Council was that of frigid indifference and scant courtesy. It is to be hoped that the Council recently elected will take a more favorable view of this important matter, which is so essential to the comfort of the poor of the city, and will give a substantial grant toward the maintenance of the Free Dispensary. From that body we now confidently expect to receive that measure of consideration and support that the worthy aims of the Association merit.

While the Dispensary is primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis only, the management has not confined it exclusively to that disease. Out of the 115 patients who received treatment last year only 35 were tubercular.

If the City Council declines to favor the Association with financial assistance to carry on this work, then it shall become the duty of the Executive of the Association to consider the advisability of confining the treatment to tubercular diseases only. This, which in the true future of the Association, will enable it to devote the entire means at its disposal to procure nourishment and better general treatment for those suffering from tuberculosis; instead of as at present providing expensive medicines and nourishment for persons suffering from various diseases.

The expectation of the chief reasons that induced the Association to go outside of its legitimate functions.

On the 12th of December last, a civic bye-law was passed providing for the inspection of milk. This enactment, while not quite all that may be desired, contains many wise provisions, and if enforced would do much to prevent the dissemination of tubercular bacilli, but until some provision is made other than at present for its enforcement, I fear it will remain inoperative. I would direct the attention of the incoming Executive to this matter.

Provincial and civic inspection of meat, and other food products should receive the serious consideration of the incoming Executive, and the Association in general, and a united and determined effort be made to procure legislation to carry this into effect without delay.

The Federal Government provides inspection of hogs and cattle for inter-

provincial and foreign export, but leaves the provincial Government to look after its own internal inspection. We are therefore in this Province faced with the anomaly of providing sound, uncontaminated meat for our friends in the other Provinces and the foreign consumers, while we ourselves have no protection whatever. The conditions that have been created by Federal Government inspection of meats leaves us worse off than we were before. As a larger percentage of diseased animals are likely to be offered for sale in our local markets.

There is a matter to which I desire to call your attention, which does not come directly under the purview of the Association. I make mention of it here as the only opportunity afforded me of giving it publicly.

I refer to the lack of suitable accommodation on the P. E. I. Railway, for persons coming from the country districts, for treatment in our city Hospitals.

These persons if they are unable to sit up, are put into the baggage car among trunks and express matter. The doors of the cars are of necessity frequently opened. The sufferer is not only exposed to draft, but to the rude gaze of any curious persons who happen to be loafing about the station, or passing through the car. If they are able to sit up they are taken into the coach, and put into an ordinary seat where their sufferings are noticed by every passenger in the car. These conditions which are distressing to both the sufferer and traveling public, are directly at variance with humane customs of this enlightened period, and call for a speedy and effectual remedy.

I would suggest the following:— Have one portable seat next the last seat at the end of the car. Attach to the ceiling of the car brass rods to which curtains may be attached to enclose the required space. Provide a spring, mattress and pillows. When a sick person arrives remove the seat, adjust the mattress and curtains, and you have with very little effort or expense a private apartment where the sick may be transported in a comfortable and humane manner.

In the other Provinces Pullman cars which contain private apartments are provided. This is not possible in Prince Edward Island, but I feel sure that if the attention of the proper authorities were directed to this matter a remedy would be at once provided.

I call your attention to this matter, hoping that you may consider it of sufficient importance to take individual if not collective action. To return to the main issue. The

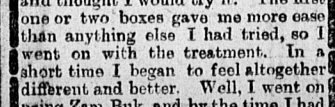


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In retiring from the Presidency, I wish to thank the members of the Executive Committee and Association in general for the support they have given me, Drs. McLaughlin, Jenkins and Johnson particularly, for their gratuitous services in connection with the Dispensary; the secretary for the efficient way in which she has performed her duties; the local press for its valuable assistance, and the public in general for their generous response and appreciation.

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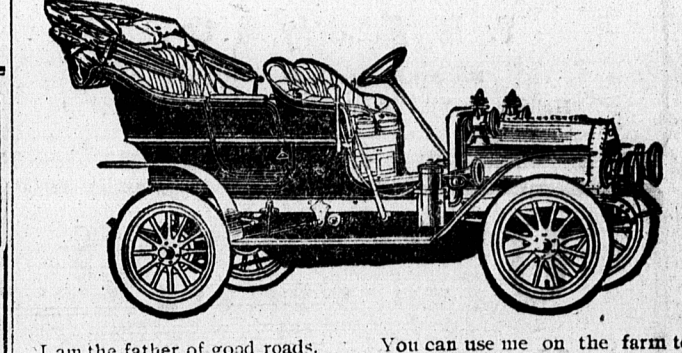
recently experienced that the brightness of the blazing open fire is appreciated. Furthermore, the open fire is conducive to patriotism. Mrs. H. B. Stowe, when in this country as long ago as 1853, writes: "Of stoves, I have not yet seen one in England, neither have I seen a house warmed by a furnace. Bright coal fires ingrates of polished steel are as yet the rare and precious of England. If I am inclined to mourn over any defect in my own country, it is the closing up of the cheerful open fire, with its bright lights and dancing shadows, and the planting on our domestic hearth of that sullen, stifling gloom, the air-tight. I agree with Hawthorne in thinking the movement fatal to patriotism; for I who would fight for an air-tight?"



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