

pillows by day. She cooked delicious Italian dishes. She laughed and sang to herself, and made all my life happy and gay. Here I brought the little barber, my kind old teacher, and many other friends. And we were rich those nights!

And so we have lived for the last three years. Now I am twenty-two, I sing in a big cafe, and make eighteen dollars a week. In our rooms we have a piano, and here two evenings a week come our friends, men and women—all young; not only Italians, but German and Jewish and Polish people. They all like my mother, for she is a splendid mother to all!

What tremendous ambitions are squeezed into this little room of ours! We have young singers so sure they will sing in grand opera. We have Polish pianists and violinists who play marvellous music, and hope that soon all the world will applaud. We have ambitions—and disappointments, too. For these young people are the ones struggling to speak out from the tenement millions. When one gets starving the others help, and so all move slowly up. New ones are forever coming, and for these my mother is always busy collecting the money.

She has her long thinking times as before. And now her big dream belongs to us all.

The other night I went back to the little narrow concert hall, and again I sang the old songs of Garibaldi days. There, leaning from the dark of the gallery, were my five peasant faces—massive, coarse, simple. As I sang again I could see their eyes kindled. And now I saw over a hundred faces like that! All at once they knew me, and then how they shouted! I sang on and on until midnight.

And suddenly as I sang, I could feel that soon all over the world some tremendous change is coming. What will it be? Some try to tell us from books and fine theories. But no mortal man can know. For deep, mighty forces are moving. In all nations of Europe the mass of the millions restlessly stir, and seem about to awaken. And now into American cities and towns rush millions of peasants. The Machine has called them. The Machine has gathered them close. The Machine has set them thinking. What does it mean? What is coming? May it be for the best! But this only the years can show.

Queen Victoria and the Faithful Servant.

To one accustomed to Queen Victoria was to the adulation of her courtiers, and the profound deference of her attendants, it may well be that the rough, blunt, out-spoken utterances of John Brown were like a fresh breeze in a hot-house atmosphere. She must have grown weary at times of merely hearing her own views and opinions re-echoed by those around her, and would willingly pardon even rudeness in a faithful servant for the sake of now and again hearing the plain, honest truth without gloss or paraphrase.

Of John Brown's absolute devotion to his Royal mistress there can be no question. That this devotion did not extend to all the other members of the Royal family is also certain. Brown was in the habit of expressing his opinion of some of them with characteristic plainness of speech. It was his custom also to refer to exalted personages without taking the trouble to give their titles. This habit was by no means appreciated by the persons mainly interested. "Alfred," "Beatrice," "Arthur," and "Helena" were frequently referred to by John Brown in this informal manner. To carry complaints to the Throne was worse than useless, as a very few unsuccessful experiments quickly convinced the aggrieved persons. Lord Beaconsfield always shook hands with John Brown, an attention which not only gratified the worthy Highlander, but also in a scarcely less degree his Royal mistress, as the astute Minister was doubtless very well aware.

With the other attendants of Queen Victoria Brown was unpopular. They resented his immense influence with her

Majesty; the favours she showed him, and his rough, over-bearing demeanour to all and sundry. They naturally objected to being obliged to obey the orders of a low-born Scotman, who not infrequently made a harsh use of his power. The liberties he took with their august mistress excited their indignation, while her boundless generosity and indulgence to her favourite servant aroused their envy.

JOHN'S SOFT SIDE.

For at least a quarter of a century John Brown might not inaptly have been compared to the ante-chamber through which all desiring to enter the Royal closet had to pass. His favour obtained, the passage into the Royal presence was quick and easy; without his approval, it was almost impossible to obtain an audience with her Majesty.

On the occasion of a Royal wedding, Sir John Bennett, the famous jeweller and watchmaker, went to Windsor Castle for the purpose, if possible, of displaying some of his glittering wares to her late Majesty. Hours passed, and there seemed no immediate prospect of his ambition being gratified, when an attendant suggested lunch. Sir John accepted the offer, and the happy thought occurred to him of requesting a servant to take a message to Mr. John Brown, begging for the honour of his company at the meal.

Gratified by this attention on the part of an ex-Lord Mayor of London, John Brown consented, and took upon himself to play the part of host. Rare and costly wines from the Royal cellars appeared at his command. The guest treated his host with profound deference and respect. John, well pleased, was most affable, like all great men, and a very delightful hour passed.

Then Sir John laid his case before Mr. Brown, and begged for his assistance, which was fully and freely given. John sought the presence of his Royal mistress. A word from him was all-powerful, as the clever Sir John had taken care to remind him, and almost immediately the jeweller was summoned to the Royal closet. An unusually handsome order was given, and Sir John Bennett returned to London a richer as well as a happier man.

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