

A New Author.

'R. C. Gleaner' in the 'Catholic Columbian' tells a story which book-lovers will enjoy. A well-known man, who spends his time nearly altogether immersed in his books, has a wife who hardly ever reads anything more solid than the fashion column of some ladies' magazines, but still she likes once in a while to pretend that she takes an interest in her husband's books, and so from time to time she goes to his library and takes out a book just for appearance sake.

'I chose a book this morning,' she remarked the other day to her husband, with a bright smile, 'by an author named Volix. Is he considered a good writer?'

'Volix!' said the good man in a puzzled tone; and then, not liking to confess himself ignorant of one of the books in his own library, he added: 'Yes, my dear, a writer of very considerable power, who possesses a remarkable insight into his subject.'

But when she had completed her elaborate toilet and had gone off to a party he sneaked round to her bedroom to discover the book of the author of whom he had never heard. It turned out to be a volume of Browning's poetry, which happened to have been bound with no name: on the back, where it merely bore the legend 'Vol. ix.'

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'You may be a king,' answered the doctor, 'but you are my patient and I am your physician. I did not come here to consider your rank; I came to help you to get well. Good morning!' And, taking his hat, he went home in high dudgeon.

An hour after that he was sent for again. 'I won't go a step,' he said; and would not stir an inch until the Queen herself went to him and begged him to help her husband.

When he entered the King's bedroom that monarch, having recovered his temper, at once opened his mouth and protruded his unruly tongue; and, says one who has recorded this incident for us, 'the doctor returned the compliment by saving the King's life.'

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