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THE LAST WORD IN ART

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The hanging of the bedroom door told Mrs. Bailey better than even a stormy sea that Thelma was crying. This was not the first time she had left the upper table in anger. Alfred's eyes reflected some of his younger sister's agitation. "There, now, Grace, you've hurt her; hasn't she, Mother? Why don't you make her let Thelma alone?"

covered from a major operation. Alfred knew that unless he earned his tuition in some way he must relinquish all thought of following the career of which he had dreamed for years. Now he fell feverishly to work upon his painting. Soon Thelma, still red-eyed, came into the room. "The picture isn't what you'd call pretty Alfred," she commented, at last. "I like it, like it a lot. It gets hold of me some way—seems so real."

"The one I'm entering—if I'm quite finished yet," Grace said. "Perhaps it won't be the best and won't need to be finished," she smiled. "I'll just come up and have a look." With many misgivings, Alfred opened the door of his room and snapped on the light. "In Passing" stood upon the easel where he had left it. For a moment Grace surveyed it in pained silence. "I don't care for that. I hope you don't intend to enter it!"



The only thing that is not re-armed in Europe is the Venus de Milo.

he glanced up at the embarrassed boy. "For the love of art, Alfred!" he ejaculated. "Why didn't you enter this instead of that insipid landscape thing?" "Grace wouldn't let him enter this," Thelma broke in. "She said it was ugly." The professor shifted his gaze to Grace's now scarlet face. "You've kept your brother from a scholarship, or I miss my guess," he scolded. "Why didn't you leave him alone? The fact that he loved this picture so much that he couldn't keep from working on it as Thelma said he did, shows that he knew what he was about. I feel almost certain this would have been first in the state. I'll be able to judge when I see the winning picture. It makes me positively angry," he rushed on. "You've not only cheated your brother undoubtedly out of a scholarship, but you've deprived your own home town school of an honor. Why can't you leave folks alone?" he thundered.

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