

## Sketch of Mme. Labori.

Madame Labori, wife of M. Labori, the world-famous counsel to Dreyfus, is a radiantly beautiful woman. The beauty is not of form and feature alone. The radiance is that reflected by one of the kindest, most generous hearts in the world. She is tall, and of graceful figure. Her hair has caught the glow of the burnished chestnut, and her eyes the calm, brown depths of forest pools in autumn. Her complexion shows a hint of crimson roses beneath the olive. Her teeth are as white and even as young corn. Her face in repose is noble and gentle. Alight with quick thought, it is arch, changeable, fascinating. A beautiful face and figure that appear centrally in a series of pictures we will name "One Woman's Life".

It is a tiny, flannel-wrapped, inconspicuous figure, in the first. It has an insignificant nose, scarce worth the name, and a feeble mouth and pink skin and fuzzy hair hardly worth the mention. But William O'Key, who had a father's interest in the insignificant bundle, said the eyes were quite worth looking at. Their first glance was deep and brown and meditative. That was in Australia two-and-thirty years ago.

There is something of a family resemblance to the insignificant bundle in Margaret O'Key, daughter of the "gentleman farmer" of Port Williams, near Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. O'Key were living on a £6,000 farm and they had built a £5,000 house. They were the finest folk for many miles about. Margaret was so happy she sang all day. Perched in the boughs of the apple tree she sent forth soft trills that set the passer-by to wondering what manner of bird was hidden high yonder among the leaves and blossoms. While they were still wondering the face of a young girl showed among the blossoms, and the laughter of a young girl followed them.

Strange are the subtleties of humar intercourse. A grey day of discontent, a purple day of discord, and life is never quite the same again. The neighbors did not know, and perhaps Mrs. O'Key herself did not quite understand why she and her husband separated, and she and wistful-faced Margaret were on their way to Europe in search of a new happiness and a new home. The slim figure, wrapped in a steamer rug, looked lonely in its isolation on the deck. Margaret O'Key was thinking that childhood passed too fleetly and that she would gladly have called it back, but the young lips were set in a straight brave line, and there was a world of resolve in the candid brown eyes.

Vladimir de Pachman, the great Russian pianist, had a favourite pupil in Vienna. In time he married her. They toured America together. The critics said the pianist's wife was almost as great a genius as he. She plays superbly, with a finished elegance and marvellous brilliancy. Her touch is at all times smooth and dainty. That was a half dozen years ago. In Madame de Pachman might be traced a faint family resemblance to the inconspicuous pink bundle we have seen in Australia, and the young girl who hid and sang in the apple tree in Nova Scotia, who stared thoughtfully from the Atlantic liner, and who knelt beside her brother's body in the English hotel.

It was a terrible revelation to innocent, sunny-natured Madame de Pachman. She had not dreamed that the Russian pianist, her lehrer-husband, could be untrue. She took her two babies in her arms and cried a little. Then she went to see Maitre Labori, the brilliant young leader of the French criminal bar. She cried when she told her story.

Maitre Labori himself bowed her out of his office. He would not entrust that agreeable duty to his clerk. "Madame it shall be done," he said. Maitre Labori secured the divorce, and soon thereafter he married his fair client. Madame Labori loved her husband. She was his bonne camarade, his sweetheart, his guiding spirit. He was her idol, her ideal, her king of all men. She always went to court to hear his speeches. Parisians wondered why the brilliant Maitre Labori's wife went so often to his office. Was she jealous? Not that. The Maitre said he could not study a case well if she were not there among his books and his documents. She laughingly humoured this whim, though it cost her many a drive on the Bois, many an afternoon at the concert, many an evening at the theatre. She was proud of the flower-covered yoke. She loved him for his loving tyranny. She thrilled to tears in court under his speech—"our speech."

She was his nurse and constant companion after the dastardly attempt upon his life until he was able to appear in court once more. She would not be separated from him for a moment. If her constant care had availed nothing, and Dreyfus' defender had died, she would have died too. A white face in a coffin, close to Maitre Labori's—one that bears a faint family resemblance to that Australian baby of two and thirty years ago—would have been the last of that series of pictures in "One Woman's Life."

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The British fleet to-day consists of 489 ships, with a total displacement of 1,500,000 tons. Sixty-four battle ships carry 50,000 officers and men and about 2,671 guns. There are 157 cruisers, while among the smaller craft are 218 torpedo boats and destroyers, and 35 larger torpedo vessels, as well as 15 coast defense ships.

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