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FAMILIAR CONVERSATIONS WITH GENTLEMEN.

BY DAISY WOODBINE.
LOVE.

GENTLEMEN:

It is very cruel in me to dissipate the chimeras of your vanity; but the truth will out. You are flattered by being loved, because you imagine it supposes some considerable merit in the object beloved. But you compliment this passion too much, I assure you; or rather, you have too good an opinion of yourselves. Believe me, it is not for your sakes that we are fond of you; to be sincere in love, we solicit only our own pleasures. Caprice, interest, vanity, constitution, or the getting rid of that weariness which oppresses us while the heart remains void of attachment. Some one, or more, of these mean principles are the source of all those elevated sentiments we are so apt to defy. In truth, they are not your most heroic qualities which engage our affections. If they happen to enter into account among the reasons

that determine us in your favor, it is not the heart which receives the impression, but our pride: and the greatest part of those feelings that render you agreeable to us, properly rated would render you despicable, or ridiculous perhaps, in another place.

Thus it is. We are fond of an admirer who will entertain us with the idea of our own excellence; we need some submissive subject to exercise dominion over; or, to speak more plainly, our minds may have conceived a turn for gallantry. Chance presents us with one lover, instead of another, we accept rather than choose him. You fancy yourselves the object of disinterested affection: you imagine that women love you for your sakes alone. Silly dupes! you are but the ministers of their pleasures, or the slave of their caprice.

But to do them justice, they are themselves to the full as ignorant in this matter. The truths I here reveal, have no more enlightened their understanding than they have yours. On the contrary, with all possible ingenuousness, they really imagine themselves determined and governed entirely by those sublime notions, that both your vanity and their own have equally inspired you with; and it would be, therefore, the height of injustice to tax them with insincerity in this particular; for without the least consciousness of the matter, they first deceive themselves and then impose on you.

You see, Gentlemen, that I here betray to you the secrets of the Bona Dea; judge of my friendship, when I endeavor to instruct you at the expense of my own sex. The more you comprehend the na-

ture of women, the fewer follies you will be led into on their account.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 13.

C. L. Palmer,

Dear Sir:—I have at last reached and done Peoria in the lecture business. I have lectured here twice, before large and appreciative audiences, I find it infinitely more profitable to speak in large towns and cities than in villages, as my hearers being more select and better informed, can appreciate a good thing much better than in small places.

My heart however, still yearns toward the good people of Dwight, and for the love I bear them, would like to fill in the fifth lecture in their Lyceum. Please do me the favor to see the Committee on the procuring of Lecturers, and if they want me a timely notice will reach me at Pekin or Jacksonville. Present my kind regards to GENTLEMANLY and GENEROUS M. D's of your place, and inform them that a remembrance of their kindness is enshrined in a sacred niche high up in the walls of my heart. With many kind wishes for the success of your spicy little sheet I enclose you the following on SCIENCE VS PRACTICALITY, only asking in return, for the desired information and six copies of your paper containing the article. I am

Truly Yours,

Louis Da Silva.

SCIENCE VS PRACTICALITY.

It has been asked, which are the greatest minds, and to which do we owe the greatest reverence; to those, who, by the powerful deductions of

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