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LITTLE TIM, THE PIPER. "I can pipe, too," he said. Do you know how a child's eyes look when he has just learned how beautiful the world is, when he feels his wings like a bird, the heritage of the sons of toil has dimmed them? So Tim's eyes looked that winter night. He opened the door of the study where the members of the village orchestra sat at practice round the blazing fire. Every man paused, instrument in hand, at the sound of the fearless, shrill young voice.

Then, smiling, Tim shut out the drifting snowflakes and stepped into the room. The small feet were so dark and dark the carpet floor beneath which he stood. The clothes he wore hung round his slim form in grotesque tatters, but above the tatters rose a face such as God sends into a dark world now and then. Noble were the features; the sweep of the blue eyes was clear and grand; the curve of the lips was like the sweep of the flute. The hair was brown wavy hair, tawny and, on a kiss, on which the glistening snow shone like stars. The man had scarcely time to look at the child when, raising his pipe to a dark lip, he began to play. The wonderful eyes shone; the slim, brown fingers obeyed the impulse of the grand soul imprisoned in Tim. Tim, and look out under their instruments and clasped horny hands to listen. Here and there a face shuddered. Now and then a tear was furiously wiped away.

Tim smiled as he took the pipe from his lips, and his eyes turned wistfully to the blazing fire. They contained him as if he had been of royal estate. A small, three legged stool was his throne, and he sat there, pipe clamped close, and a jagged ring. He knew them whence he came, as far as he knew. "Over the hills," he said, "far, far over the hills." They called him Piper Tim in the caravan, never another name. He had always piped. Then he laughed and stretched his thin, brown hands with joy to the blaze. He would tell nothing of the past, of any and to die. They sat once more amazed while he played on his pipe, and with laughing farewell, he went off into the darkness, and that night he was gone. He was singly as he turned in at the cottage door, where his father awaited him by the hearth. "He's here," he said, "and you know what I've been doing? Well, you know what I've been doing? Well, you know what I've been doing? Well, you know what I've been doing?"

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His Friend's Opinions. Galliard is an artist, and one year he decided to exhibit something. The picture on its completion enchanted him. It had been painted in the strictest seclusion for fear the idea might be stolen, but now that the time for sending it in has arrived, the picture is removed, and he invites two friends to inspect his work. First Friend—Ah, ah! So that's the thing, is it? Ty Dove, but it's good, old fellow! Second Friend—Hurrah for the dog! Where did you get your idea? Galliard—It's quite a long story! I was coming back from Nauterone one day, and from the car window I saw this garden, with the children playing among the trees and the big dog running and jumping around them. The thing so fascinated me that I went back on foot, made several studies, and here you are. First Friend—My dear boy, it's a fine piece of work. Second Friend—It's simple, but you've hit it just right. Where did you find the youngsters? Galliard—They are my little nephews. First Friend—There is one little thing I notice, though. Do you mind my speaking of it? Galliard—Why, of course not. One cannot always judge of oneself. Good advice is always welcome. Second Friend—Especially a friend's advice. First Friend—Well, then, old fellow, your sky is a trifle too clear. You should cloud it a little. Galliard—Do you think so? First Friend—Yes; because, you see, you didn't pose your brains out of doors, and they haven't the—what do you catch what I mean? Galliard—Yes, yes. Let me see—a little more cloud—just a little more. Well, if you think— Second Friend—Oh, yes, my dear boy, yes, and put one in here too. First Friend—That's all right here perhaps. Well, if you think— Second Friend—Oh, yes, my dear boy, yes, and put one in here too. First Friend—That's all right here perhaps. Well, if you think—

Slashed by His Father. The success as a composer of Siegfried Wagner in his opera "Der Ring der Nibelungen" was never anticipated by his father, Richard Wagner. He was 12 years old, the lad composed a polonaise and brought it to his father. He would not look at it. "Take it away," he said, "only daunces write polonaises." Siegfried knew enough to recall to his father's mind that his first composition was a polonaise. "A boy of 12 should be at his books," was the answer. "Mozart was composing when he was only 6." "Oh, you're a Mozart, then?" "No, you're a Mozart, then?" Siegfried was a marvel of diplomacy for one so young. "No, not a Mozart," he answered, "but a son of Richard Wagner." That night the famous man, and he read the polonaise, but did not find much in it for encouragement. He handed it back to his son and is said to have hung up the paper in the "Lobengrin" in which the knight cautions Elsa not to question him. It was several days before he delivered his opinion to Siegfried. "You have not a great future in the study of architecture and learn how to build houses and probably theaters, but to leave to others the creation of the music to be sung in them."

More Sings Than Poison. An amusing story once told of Professor Packard of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal church in Virginia goes to prove that an intimate knowledge of Hebrew roots does not necessarily imply an acquaintance with the entire vegetable kingdom. Professor Packard had gone to Virginia from New England, and naturally had had much to say for his perambulations. One day as he was walking along he noticed some most tempting fruit of a tree. He was tempted to eat it, but his appearance was so much in its favor that Professor Packard picked and took a liberal taste of what was in reality an unripe poison. The poor professor instantly jumped at the idea that he was poisoned. While he was in the throes of agony, he was visited by two of his colleagues, who anxiously inquired what was the matter. "I don't know," groaned the victim, "but I feel as if I were to die in the bosom of my family." As may be supposed, the professor soon discovered that he had not taken a fatal mouthful in spite of his feelings, but the memory of his pitious request gave the faculty, including himself, many a good laugh in later days.

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