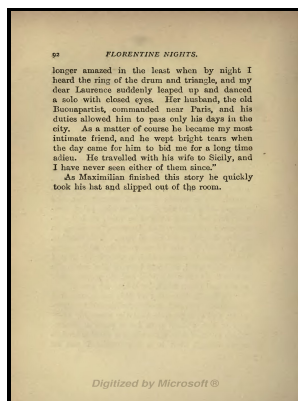


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But who can rest by a Parisienne, and what Parisienne ever rests, herself? Are there not men to whom tones themselves are only invisible signatures in which they hear colours and forms? See how contemptuously and ironically he often looks down at his companion when he bores him with his commonplace questions;—and yet he cannot get rid of him—a bloody contract binds him to that servant, who is Satan himself.

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I know nothing so exquisitely to the point as a legend that the French women came into the world with all possible faults, but that a beneficent fairy took pity, and gave to every fault a magic by which it appeared as a fresh charm. And she indeed knew me too well not to know also that I love no repetitions. Was it an image of my imagination, or was it a terrible reality, which I that night heard and saw? And the devotions before those beautiful Madonnas, those lovely altar-pieces, which as Madonnas sink into the soul of the bridegroom while the bride is sensuously impressed by a handsome saint, are not in vain.

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This anguished look supplied in Bellini's face the want of wit and spirit, but it was a pain without depth; it shone dimly and without poetry in his eyes, and quivered without passion on his lips. He was the man-planet round whom the universe moved, ringing with measured joy and in happy rhythm. In the ante-room Maximilian found the physician, who was drawing on his black gloves.

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The Emperor Alexander had given him bon-bons, and the Princess Wilhelm von Kyritz always took him on her lap. Should the holy in heaven hear such music the praise of God would be mute on their pale lips, and they, weeping, would hide their pious heads. Bocca and the other Ghibelline sympathizers in the Guelph ranks then charged the Florentine, but without success.

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This led to the beginning of a rout of the Florentine-Guelph forces. With the exception of bracelets and a brooch of pearls, she wore no ornaments.

Is her mouth great or small? I soon left Potsdam and little Very, and in another city, where important business awaited me, I was, by means of sharp pressure and urgent circumstance, soon driven into harsh reality.

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Had he learned those bows from an automaton or a dog? The charm of this face consisted neither in absolutely perfect symmetry nor in interesting liveliness; its character lay far more in an enchanting yet terrible truthfulness. When the two friends were alone they looked at one another for a long time in silence.

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