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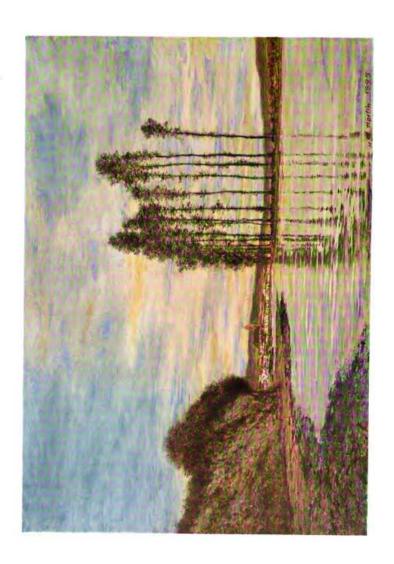
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THE HARP OF THE WINDS

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Signed and dated 1895, canvas, 282 inches high, 40 inches wide.

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PREFACE

RS. MARTIN'S "Homer Martin: a Reminise M cence" (New York: William Macbeth, 1904), is so charmingly written and so adequate on the personal side that only weighty reasons can justify a return to the theme. Such reasons are found in the increasing interest in Homer Martin's work, in the lapse of years that makes a critical estimate more possible, and in the discovery of new biographical material. I have depended much on the "Reminiscence," though, being written chiefly from memory, it contains a number of slips in chronology. Wherever this book is at variance with it, documentary material justifies the divergence. Without the generous aid of Martin's surviving friends and the cooperation of owners of his pictures, this book could not have been undertaken. W.C. Brownell, Montgomery Schuyler and Edward Gay have kindly communicated indispensable recollections and points of view. Messrs. Thomas B. Clarke and John Du Fais of New York, and Dr. Montgomery Mosher of Albany have lent me precious sheaves of Martin's letters. Mr. William Macbeth put at my disposal his large collection of sketches, which are about the only evidence for the painter's artistic origins and early movements; and contributed with unfailing

obligingness much information that could have been got from no other source. My debt to other correspondents and to the scanty literature on the subject is expressed in these pages at the proper places. No enumeration of the many collectors who have permitted access to their homes and photographing of their treasures can here be made. Every illustration in the book and nearly every mention of a picture in the text may be taken as a grateful recognition of such a courtesy.

F. J. M., Jr.

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