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PHILADELPHIA GILLAM'S SONS COMPANY 1998 "The little gods, light how'ring in the air,

Twang their silk bow-strings and their aims prepare;

Some on th' immortal anvils point the dart With powers resistless to inflame the heart; Their arrow heads they dip with soft desires And all the warmth of love's celestial fires; Some sprinkle o'er the shafts the tears of woe, Some store the quiver, some steel-spring the bow; Each chanting as he works the tuneful strain Of love's dear joys, of love's luxurious pain."

FROM
"THE LUSIAD"

OF
LUIS DE CAMOENS



From Him

DEAR MADAM:—The day before yesterday Mr. Boynton and I were at luncheon together. "I have just received," said he, after we had considered a legal matter concerning which he wished a bit of advice, "some unusually fine sketches in oil from a lady whom Mrs. Boynton and I have known since she was a little girl, a lady who is as amiable as she is talented"—those were his words; prompted, his eyes revealed, by very happy reflections. "I am going to use the pictures," he went on, "in the mid-summer number of the magazine."

"I should," said I, "like to look at them."

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We went from the restaurant to Mr. Boynton's office and he placed before me your Cairo pictures. I spent a few weeks in that exceedingly interesting city not long ago. Of late years I have been a good deal in the studios of some of my artist friends here.

As a result, quite likely, of these apparently unrelated facts, I ventured one or two thoughts concerning your most unusual canvases.

"You are right," said our mutual friend.
"A few strokes of her brush will suffice to make the changes. You must write to her yourself," he added, "and tell her exactly what you have told me. Yes, yes," he insisted, "you must do it—positively must, if not as my friend, then as my attorney."

And so it came about that I am writing, as Mr. Boynton's friend you may be sure, to a lady of rare ability whom I have never had the privilege of meeting. With

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my note I am sending to you a few typewritten memoranda that I beg you will not consider as obstrusively offered even though you may deem them ill advised and not at all desirable to adopt.

Please let me add that your work is most admirable, most praiseworthy, and indicates a mental grasp of things possessed by few.

I am confident your winter's sojourn in Northern Africa and Palestine must have been a very delightful and inspiring season.

With the kindest regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

BRUCE MACMAHON.