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玉梨魂(第一章節錄)

徐枕亞

(For a translation of this excerpt see page 28.)

嗟嗟。忽忽短夢。催醒東風。渺渺相思。恨生南國。地老天荒。可憐人會當此日。蜂愁蝶怨。傷 心者何以爲情。夢霞旣至假山石畔。尋得淨土一方。鋤之成窖。旋以花囊納諸其中。後以鬆土掩 其上。使之墳起。以爲後日之認識。料理旣畢。復入室取案上常飮之玻璃杯。傾瓶出酒少許。再 至塚前。向塚之四圍遍灑之。此時夢霞之面上。突現出一種愁慘凄苦之色。蓋 彼 忽 感 及 夫身世 之萍飄絮蕩。其命之薄。正復與此花如出一轍。薄命之花。猶得遇我痴人。痛憐深惜。爲之收豔 骨。卜佳城。草草一坏。魂棲有所。不可謂非此花之幸也。而我則潦倒半生。凄涼孤館。依人生活。 斷梗行蹤。子期不逢。流水長逝。那知今日。又是明朝。前途無路。 後顧難堪。 我生不辰。 命窮 若此。誰從死後識方干耶。於是高吟顰卿(儂今葬花人笑痴。他年葬儂知是誰)之句。不覺觸緒 生悲。因時興感。鶯花易老。天地無情。歎韶光之不再。望知己兮云遙。對此茫茫。百端交集。蒼 凉感喟。不知涕泗之何從。埋香塚前之顰卿。猶有一痴寶玉引爲同調。今夢霞獨在此處。繼續顰卿 之舉。顰卿固安在耶。笑夢霞之痴者何人耶。能與夢霞表同情而賠淚者又何人耶。夢霞之知己。則 僅此塚中之花耳。夢霞乃含悲帶淚。招花魂而哭之曰。塚中之花乎。三生痴夢。醒乎否乎。汝命 何短。我恨方長。香泥一掬以安汝骨。芳草一叢以伴汝魂。慘酒一杯以爲汝奠。凄禽一聲以爲汝 弔。汝其知也耶。其不知也耶。嗟嗟。舊日風情。今成泡影。却悲淨質。猶在塵寰。燕子樓不堪 囘首。空留盼盼之名。牡丹亭果否還魂。誰見亭亭之影。然而笳聲咽月。文君有歸漢之期。指印 留環。玉簫踐再生之約。花如知感。則來歲春囘。應先着東風。早胎異卉。以償余之深情。慰余之 痴望耳。夢霞至此。已哭不成聲矣。歷碌半日。心碎神疲。加以昨夜未曾安枕。經此劇痛。體益 不支。遂返身入室。庭前又寂無一人。惟有新墳一尺。四圍皆夢霞淚痕。點點滴滴。沁入泥中黏 成一片而已。

釧影樓回憶錄:「還鄉三事」

包天笑

(For a translation of this excerpt see pages 250-252.)

那一天,我們夫婦,帶了一個三歲多的女兒可芬一同去的。我們的老家,住在闆門內承天寺前地名西海島一條巷裏,不是前文曾說過,門前有一口古井,乃是鄭所南藏在鐵函裏的「心史」,就在這井中發現的嗎?現在我們回去,當然仍住在老家,也已經寫信通知了我姊的了,在我們住居樓上打掃了一下,以便安居。

這時候,正在春末夏初,天氣又是佳晴,如果作春遊,眞是大好時光,不過我在上海也只告假幾天,來去也殊匆匆呢。

到了先去雇船,那是我家一向雇用的熟船,停泊在崇真宮橋堍陸狀元住宅前(陸鳳石故居)

一條小快船,有六扇玻璃窗的。船上沒有男人,母女兩人,依此爲家,也靠了這條船生活。那個船婆是個孀婦,女兒名叫阿龍,年約十八九,生得白白淨淨,很討人歡喜。我們原是老主客,不必講價錢,她們的船,明天有空,便定下來了。本來蘇州城裏人家上墳掃墓,婦女小孩都不大去的,婦女纏脚,行山路不便,婦女不去,小孩也不去了。可是現在也不拘了,反正是要坐山轎的,於是當夜即燒好了祭菜,備好了祭品,明天一清早,便出發了。

船出閭門,一路進發,過了鐵嶺關,全是郊區了。久不作郊遊,天氣又這樣的好,桃花還未全謝,東一簇,西一簇,也沒有人理它,隨意開花。一路上的菜花,又黃得使人耀眼睛。船到環龍橋,已有許多抬山轎的男男女女擠在那裏。有一個中年的鄉婦喊道:「那是包家裏的少爺,我前抬過他的。」又有一個半老婦人道:「他舊年也不曾來上墳呀」。她們的記性都很好的,一與她們接觸,總是牢牢的記着不忘的。

鬧鬧嚷嚷中,我們上了岸,從這裏到墓地,路不算近,總是要坐山轎的。那就是要兩肩山轎,我坐一肩,我妻和我女坐一肩。由他們支配下來,奇妙極了,兩個女人抬我,兩個男人抬我妻和我女。問他們爲什麼如此安排?他們說:「你一人身輕,(我當時身體甚瘦,體重百磅多)你少奶奶還有個小姐咧。」我想想也有道理,何必一定要男抬男,女抬女呢。問了我妻,她也不反對。此外還加了一個十五六歲男孩子,挑了祭菜品等,一同上道了。

到了墓地,我們的墳客(蘇人對於看墳者的稱呼),早已得信,即來迎候,她是一個中年寡婦,我們叫她阿單娘娘。便到墓地祭奠,見松椒無恙,掃除淸潔,略可安慰。餕餘向例即送給墳客們。又分派了「添土錢」(添土錢者,墳鄰的兒童輩都來聚觀,各給以數錢使之勿來墳地踐踏)。於是墳客邀往其家小坐,燒了茶,請我們喝一杯,平時她家裏不吃茶,只飲白開水而已。

那時她家中正養着蠶,也有小小的一片桑田,我和震蘇,都是見過養蠶的,我女阿芬,從不 曾見過,看了那碧綠的桑葉上,臥着許多雪白的蠶,正想討幾條蠶,帶到上海去,其母呵之乃止。

在我們這墓地白馬澗鄉村一帶,這些婦女,正是多材多藝。不但養蠶,而且還工於刺繡。蘇州那時有一種工業,專做神孢戲衣,城內開設這種神孢戲衣店的,不下十餘家。所謂神袍者,便是各種神像身上所穿的袍服,花團錦簇,必需是種種繡品。至於戲衣更不必說了,無論京戲崑劇,不拘生旦净丑,穿上身的都是繡花的衣服。所以這種神袍戲衣店,生涯却是不惡,各處都有到蘇州來定製的。這種神袍戲衣上繡品,都是粗綫條,不要太工細的,所以都放到鄉間婦女去做。這裏鄉村一帶的婦女,却正是做這種活的(鄉婦們對於刺繡,稱爲「做生活」),所以她們放下細針密縷的刺繡工夫,又可以粗脚大手的去抬山轎了。不但是多材多藝,實可稱能文能武。

回到船上,時已近午後兩點鐘了,隨即開船回去,我們也就吃飯。飯菜是船上母女兩人燒的,什麼紅燒鯽魚、薺菜炒肉絲、蝦仁蛋花湯,這兩菜一湯,不脫蘇州風味,加着這時候,肚裏也覺得餓了,愈加覺得適口有味。吃過了飯,看看沿河的一帶農村風景,小橋流水,幽草閑花,這也正在農忙時期,農人却覺得自由自在。夕陽影裏,已近市區,及至歸家,便到黃昏時候,和姊丈及我姊談談家常,即行安眠。

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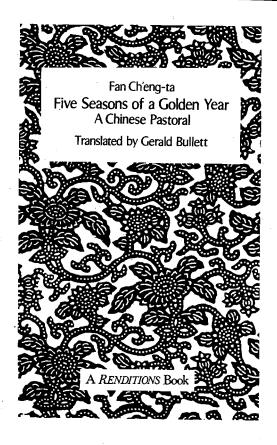
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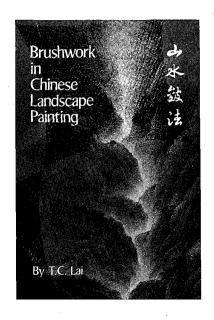
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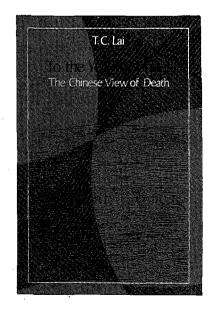
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