

A TOUCH OF REAL HUMANITY.

an I have never seen, thanked the man who was telling the story, "a knifder—if I were a girl I should say a knifder—act of charity in my life. Walking across the aisle, this hard faced man had heard the story of the for-giver, helpless, alone and frightened, and out of pure goodness of heart, without any necessity for doing it, he had taken upon himself the ungrateful task of soliciting money from the rest of the people in that car to help out a man he'd never seen before and would probably never see again."—*Frederick Pursh*

Most persons know the story that is told of Cleopatra to illustrate her luxurious habits of living—that she dissolved in her wine a precious pearl. To one seems yet to have questioned what must have been the effect upon the drink, but scientists scoff at the possibility of such solution. The fact is pearls are not soluble in wine. The most powerful vinegar affects them slowly and never entirely dissolves them, for the organic matter remains behind in the shape of a spongy mass that is larger than the original pearl.

Describing life at the court of King Henry II. of England. Peter of Blois complains of the importunity of the medieval marshals, whose annoyances continue "until they get something from you and are most ungrateful when they have—nay, open enemies unless your hand is continuously in your pocket," while the "outer porters will tell you the most unblushing falsehoods, and if you are an honest and religious man, but have given them nothing the day before, they will keep you an unreasonable time standing in the rain and mire."

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