

1. Jointette was begun as a
recreation merely when the great
miracle of Emancipation was new
to our minds and hearts. When
in contemplating its results
every one ⁱⁿ exclamation, "What hath
God wrought" - some with ~~some~~ ^{devout}
~~of wonder and surprise~~ ^{earnestness} at the ~~end~~
of the ~~gratitude~~ and others with a
strong intonation of inquiry upon the
name of Deity. To two great classes
it was a matter of ^{boundless} ~~devout~~ gratitude
and amazement; to another - only less
great, it was matter of equal amaze-
ment, mixed with almost sceptical
doubt -

These days forced upon every
thoughtful mind which saw "His works
throughout all that region", the conten-

of peculiar
plation ~~of those marvellous~~ per-
the fruit and out growth of the defunct
sonal relations, which the sudden
~~institution~~ system - threw
change ~~of relations~~ forced into

glaring prominence - dissolving
views of departing characters -

Conventional types seen un-
der stronger light revealed new
traits and discovered new elements.
The great metamorphosis itself pre-
sented strange and startling conjunctions,
unparalleled perhaps in history.

The Doctor and the Socius who
have kindly examined the pages
which follow, emphatically ex-
claim - "You must have a pref-
ace". More in deference to their
judgment, than in obedience to my
own, - acting upon advice rather
than from inclination, I therefore write
these lines -

The doctor and the Socius who
have kindly examined ~~these~~ the
pages which follow emphatically
declare "You must have a preface."
More in deference to their judgment
than in obedience to my own, I
therefore, I write these lines.

Joanette was begun, as a re-
creation merely, when the miracle
of Emancipation was fresh to the
minds and hearts of us all. It
has been continued in the
very shadow of that mighty
Metamorphosis.

Excuse for being it has
in the vivid impressions which
dissolving views of departing
characters produced - in the
strange conjunctions which a
decade crowded with un-
paralleled events bequeathed
to its successor -

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Not as an argument ~~for~~
~~in~~ ~~favor~~ ~~of~~ or against
 - not as a justification or an-
 nouncement of any system
 idea or dogma of the Past
 Present or Future - is ^{this tale} ~~intended~~
 intended, but simply as a
 statement of some of those un-
 the exhaustless Sphinx-
 solved riddles which Time is
 ever propounding to ~~us~~ Man.

Excuse for claiming "a mo-
 ment of the busy world's attention"
 it cannot have ~~more~~ unless the
 favor of a kindly public shall
 supply ~~it~~ ^{it} -

R.R.R.

Drafts of
Preface⁵
Foinette

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The revolution of thought which set
in at once after the revolution of
fact was concluded, was no less
wonderful than its forerunner - ~~strange~~
~~as yet security began~~ - Both ex-
ercises started toward the middle
ground of truth - Few have yet
reached it - perhaps none - yet it
is the goal of all footsteps, and
no ~~little~~ small colouner has been
towards its attainment in the gen-
erally abounding charity which
is willing to admit somewhat of
error in ^{the record of the} ~~their own~~ past -

Not as a defence, justification, ~~or~~
~~excuse~~, or arraignment of any system or
idea of the past ~~present~~ or future, but
simply as a statement of some of those
unresolved riddles which I am the un-
represent Sphinx, is ever offering to
Man, Foinette is presented to the
reader - Like a stereoscopic print
the tone of its lights and shadows
will depend not a little on the ^{diameter} ~~lens~~
of the lens through which it is viewed -

Excuse for being it has in the circum-
stances surrounding its birth. Excuse
for claiming attention it can have
none except a kindly public shall ^{see for it} ~~leave~~

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