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内容概要

《纯爱英文馆：诺桑觉寺（英文）》与其他五部奥斯丁的长篇不同，采用了公开的叙述者和外露的作者型的叙述声音，展现了作者权威。

它是奥斯丁打算出版的第一部小说，定稿完成于1797年左右，即奥斯丁大概22岁的时候。

在这部小说中，作者初露锋芒，文风初步成形，就是以“一个村镇上的三、四户人家”为生活背景，以极具讽刺的笔法叙述一个婚嫁故事。

章节摘录

' Ah , Catherine! Were it settled so , it would be some-what less intolerable , though in such common attentions you would have received but half what you ought. But -how can I tell you? -Tomorrow morning is fixed for your leaving us , and not even the hour is left to your choice; the very carriage is ordered , and will be here at seven o'clock , and no servant will be offered you. ' Catherine sat down , breathless and speechless.'I could hardly believe my senses , when I heard it; -and no dis-pleasure , no resentment that you can feel at this moment , however justly great , can be more than I myself -but I must not talk of what I felt. Oh ! that I could suggest any-thing in extenuation! Good God! What will your father and mother say ! After courting you from the protection of real friends to this - almost double distance from your home , to have you driven out of the house , without the considerations even of decent avility ! Dear , dear Cather-ine , in being the bearer of such a message , I seem guilty myself of all its insult; yet , I trust you will acquit me , for you must have been long enough in this house to see that I am but a nominal mistress of it , that my real power is nothing. ' ' Have I offended the General?' said Catherine in a fal-tering voice. 'Alas ! for my feelings as a daughter , all that I know , all that I answer for is , that you can have given him no just cause of offence. He certainly is greatly , very greatly discomposed; I have seldom seen him more so. His tem-per is not happy , and something has now occurred to ruf-fle it in an uncommon degree; some disappointment , some vexation , which just at this moment seems impor-tant; but which I can hardly suppose you to have any concern in , for how is it possible?' It was with pain that Catherine could speak at all; and it was only for Eleanor's sake that she attempted it.I am sure , ' said she , ' I am very sorry if I have offended him. It was the last thing I would willingly have done. But do not be unhappy , Eleanor. An engagement you know must be kept. I am only sorry it was not recollected soon-er , that I might have written home. But it is of very little consequence. ' 'I hope , I earnestly hope that to your real safety it will be of none; but to everything else it is of the greatest con-sequence; to comfort , appearance , propriety , to your family , to the world. Were your friends , the Allens , still in Bath , you might go to them with comparative ease; a few hours would take you there; but a journey of seventy miles , to be taken post by you , at your age , alone , unat-tended !'

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