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~~and said, "Dearest, I must marry you." She said, "Well, have you seen my father?" He said, "Yes, but I love you just the same."~~

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After that inspiring introduction I feel inspired to try my best to cover a big subject in the time that we have before us.

I would like to introduce the subject with an ~~illustrat~~ illustration - an imaginary illustration: About 200 years ago it was common to observe the practice in medicine of bleeding a person. In fact it continued until within the present century. The Encyclopaedia Britannica of 1910 mentions that there were three methods, under its big article on "Bloodletting." By opening a vein, by cupping, or by the application of leeches, and mentions that there were thousands of leeches in use, I guess, millions perhaps during the past century. For pneumonia, for many other diseases, it was considered the proper treatment to take blood out ~~of~~ of a person. Many people would have themselves bled simply as a precautionary measure, in order to improve their health or strength at various times in the year. This practice persisted for some centuries - was accepted unquestionably. The latest edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica doesn't even have an article ~~on~~ on bloodletting. The custom has passed away; instead of that we put blood into people now - instead of taking it out when they ~~are~~ are ill. Now let us suppose, however, that in the states ~~of~~ of Pennsylvania and New Jersey the old custom had been continued, and the old teaching/survived up to the present day - so that today, regardless of the practice in the rest of the country, this was the regular practice for disease, and it was considered ridiculous to think of anything else. That would be a very good analogy, except that it would be substituting geography for an area of study. A very good analogy for the situation which prevails today as regards literary criticism. There were certain ~~tendencies~~ tendencies, certain attitudes, which were very widespread from about 1750 until ^{about} ~~about~~ 1830. They were applied to all sorts of literature.