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The Varsity

WORTH WHILE VIEWS. From Current Literature.

By Irene Kelly.

Do college professors nowaday believe them do. Some professors even read them, and there are occasional instances supplement! It was very different in 1838. Edward Everett Hale was a Harvard undergraduate then, and was one of those who signed a petition for a college "reading room." Not only did the faculty say no, but President Josiah Quincy explained to young Hale "that there had been a reading room some years ago which the college government were obliged to break up; that newspapers were fascinating things 'even to us old men' and that they would take young men away from their studies. A very weak argument." It is a far cry from President Quincy's view of seventy-eight years ago to the view of President Lee, of New York University, expressed some weeks since. President Lee suggests that a good daily newspaper be used in the classrooms where instruction in highschool grammar and rhetoric is given. It would seem to be President Lee's notion that the fact that newspapers make interesting reading is nothing very much against them, and that there is as much instruction in studying the history of our own times as in studying the Seven against Thebes. Newspapers are turned out in a hurry, and the best of them fall into errors of styles and of taste, but, if not in schools, at least in colleges, the use of newspapers ought to be urged upon such young ters as require the urging. One of the hardest tasks of the teacher of "English Composition" is to impress upon his so-called students the practical importance of learning how to write good English. Many a practical-minded boy regards instruction in this field as wasted time; he is going to be an engineer or an agriculturist or a merchant and not an Addison or Milton or Emerson-so why bother with Sir Roger de Coverley and his friends, or Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America, or Stevenson's Lodging for the Night, The newspaper is a part of daily life, even for agriculturists and engineers and merchants; and the youth who reads newspapers must realize a little more completely than he did before the advantage it is to command words

serves to bridge the gap between dayby-day practicality and all-time literature: often it is a stepping stone from literatury blindness to something like appreciation. We are not of those who are gloomily conscious of newspaper

in newspapers? We believe the best of superificiality; we are, instead, ever Theda Bara looking since that popularnewly amazed by the high standards of style and information which the best of of a college professor actually being per- American newspapers reach, overnight. the middle garden of the Tacoma Tiger susded to write articles for the Sunday Those of our college teachers who croak crew as well as taking the lead off posish at the occasional split infinitives of the editorial page would do well to ask themselves whether their own best lectures would make endurable newspaper reading.-Harper's Weekly.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS TAUGHT

It is an amazing fact, but it is nevertheless true, that Mr. Rudyard Kipling or Sir James Barrie, or, let us say, ex-President Eliot of Harvard, would fail hopelessly in English in the entrance examinations of any American or Canadian university. King George, from whom presumably the King's English flows as from its fountain source, might get perhaps halfway through a high school in the subject.

As for Shakespeare, I doubt if he knew enough of what is called English by our education departments to get beyond a kindergarten. As to passing an examination of one of his own plays, such as is set by our colleges for matriculation, he couldn't have done it; he hadn't the brains,-at least not the kind of brains that are needed for it.

These are not exaggerations; they are facts. I admit that when the facts are not good enough, I always exaggerate them. This time they don't need it.

Our study of English-not merely in any one state or province, but all over North America, except in happy Mexico -begins with years and years of the silly stuff called grammar and rhetoric. All the grammar that any human being ever needs, or that is of any use as an intellectual training, can be learned in a few weeks from a little book as thin as a Ritz-Carlton sandwich. All the rest of the solid manuals on the subject is mere stodge. It serves no other purpose than to put royalties into the pockets of the dull pedants who elaborate it.

Rhetoric is worse. It lays down laws for the writing of sentences and paragraphs about as reasonable and as useful as a set of directions telling how to be a gentleman, or how to have a taste for tomatoes. Then comes English literature. This is the last stage, open only and sentences as well as flesh-and-blood employees. Moreover, a good newspaper tated by grammar and rhetoric.

We actually proceed on the silly supposition that you can "examine" a person in English literature, torture it out

to create. The only kind of examination | Cady has been classed. in the subject I can think of would be to say to the pupil, for example, "Have you read Charles Dickens and do you like it?" and when he answered that he didn't care for it, but that his uncle read it all the time, to send a B. A. degree to his uncle.

We make our pupils spend about two hours a day for ten years in the silly pursuit of what we call English.

And yet at the end of it we wonder that our students have less real appreciation of literature in them than when they read a half-dime novel for sheer artistic joy of it.—Harper's Weekly.

-By Stephen Leacock.

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That Chet Fee and Moose Muirhead will just about carry off the pennant at the Northwest Conference Meet.

That W. S. C .- in dual meets with Idaho, Whitman and Montana has amassed six firsts, six seconds and five thirds in the mile and two mile grind. From which we gather that the boys over there are some ramblers when once they get started.

That Washington won all the running events from Hayward's pets but the 440 and relay. For the first time in moonsthey dragged off five points in the half and two mile.

That Bill Snyder is some actorine. P. S. If you believe he can bring down the house, ask the Gamma Phi girls.

That O. A. C. and Washington will entertain at track on the Corvallis field next Saturday. Referee Shockly says that O. A. C. will win by a small majority but of course Ed is only Gym

That the scenery is grand along the w. k. railroad from Seattle to Portland. The Delta Tau trio are prepared to write booster literature on the country from Ridgefield south; so patronize home industry when searching for English themes.

That pretty soon J. Gilbert, J. Barnett and other celebrities will be showing us how near we came to even a flunking knowledge of the subject.

That O. A. C. and W. S. C. are polishing their bats ready for the big annual struggle to determine who shall boss the Northwest bunting for the next A. O. We surmise Deacon May's hopes will Doolittle as it looks like a case of too much

That Montana has three strong men who are tossing the 16 pound pellet more than 42 feet. Sam Cook, who migrated there from the Kappa Sig house, is amongst the trio but he was ineligible to compete against W. S. C. last week when to minds that have already been debili- his teammate Keeran set a Montana record for 43 ft. 10 inches.

AMHERST MEN RANKED.

Amherst's last two tennis captains of him, so to speak, in the course of a have been ranked among the one huntwo hours' inquisition. We ask him to dred best singles players in the country distinguish the "styles" of different auth- for 1915, according to the ranking that ors as he would the color of their whisk- has been published by the American ers. We expect him to divide up authors Lawn Tennis Ranking Committee. C. into "schools" and to sort them out as L. Johnson, Jr., '13, is put in the third easily as a produce merchant classifies class while Fenimore Cady, '15, has a place in the eighth class. Johnston has The truth is that you cannot examine been ranked for three years now, being in English in this way, or only at the cost in the fourth class in 1914, and the fifth killing the very thing that you wish class in 1913. This is the first year that

> Women's Day Address. Delivered May 23, 1915. Two fives and eleven years ago our

mothers reared up on this campus a new Woman's Building, conceived in quality and dedicated to the proposition that men and women are created equal. We are now met on a great anniversary of that day to dedicate these steps as the first resting place of those who labored here that this building might rise. It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this. But as a laboring class we could not plow, we could not harrow this ground. The brave women, living and dear, who sold pencils here have dedicated it far beyond our power to multiply or subtract. The men will little care Senior cards may be secured during \(\ \) nor long remember what we saw here, but they, can never forget us who stay here. It is rather for you, the men, to educate your wives to further the cause

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