sacrifice comfort and convenience ary thought, and he made these to be like their supposed superiors: ideas a part of his materialistic and more surprising still, women system. demanding the right of suffrage, go before committees of Congress, and "Man-His Past, Present and Fu-State Legislature, and Conventions ture," is mainly an exposition of in the same absurd attire. I re- Darwinism, with Haeckel's ideas, joice that the senior editor of the as given in his "History of Crea-Woman's Journal has made his tion," added, with chapters relatprotest against the trailing skirt. ing to government, marriage and What should we think of our sires industrial and social reform, toand sons if they were such slaves gether with several pages of interto the behests of fashion? Suppose esting and valuable notes. some French Beau Brummel should send forth a decree that they democratic in his nature, and he should have trailing ruffles on their was deeply interested in the comtrousers, and the upper gear should mon people. He deplored indusbe as smooth as the skin, banish- trial wrongs and inequalities of oping the fourteen pockets from their portunity, which made it possible usual hiding places; with all their for colossal wealth and extreme appendages, pocket-book, knife, poverty to exist alongside of each ture, but our women look quite as guages his works were translated. ridiculous. The men could no Buchner visited the United longer offer an arm in an emer- States some time in the seventies gency to a feeble sister, but at the and lectured in a number of cities. dust. Thus, as citizens of a re- as interesting as he was as a writer, with withered arms. I tremble to think what I have done to get the foolish fashions they might by law cause to appear among us.

Dr. Ludwig Buchner.

BY B. F. UNDERWOOD.

Dr. Ludwig Buchner died in Darmstadt, Germany, on May .1. His work, the one by which he was best known, "Force and Matter," was published in 1855. It has been called "the Bible of the German Materialists." Twelve editions of this book were issued in twenty years, and it led to a large amount of animated discussion in which part.

his name came to be associated themselves .- [Abraham Lincoln. with theirs.

Buchner was among the first to

even those in domestic service; all which Darwin added to evolution-

Buchner's second principal work,

Buchner was, unlike Strauss, pencil, letters, and cigars stuffed in other. Buchner is not much read the crown of their hat or the top of and is not much quoted now, and the trousers. Imagine our beloved interest in his works is not likely lords of creation, rushing to and to be revived. As a thinker he fro in the busy marts of trade, with was not original, but he was honest their hands behind them holding and fearless, and he helped greatly up their ruffled trousers, their to weaken theological influence, not heads decorated with feathers and only in his own country, but in flags. We may laugh at the pic- other countries into whose lan-

risk of trailing their ruffles in the As a lecturer he did not prove to be public, and in the good time com- and his expectations were not realing, we should be obliged to go ized. After his return home some single file to the polls on election articles appeared over his name in day, and still worse, with these re- a German paper which were sevstricted attitudes in both sexes, the erely critical of much which he had next generation of children would seen in America. Some of the probably be ushered into the world criticisms were merited, but others were based upon observations too limited to give them any value, suffrage for women, fearing all the and were really unjust. Of their sincerity and honesty there was no doubt, as there was of nothing that he ever wrote for the public.

Although in correspondence with Buchner, I failed by an accident to meet him when he was in the United States, and I can speak of him personally only by hearsay. I am told that he was rather brusque and dogmatic. I should infer this from his writings, but the concurrent testimony of those who were intimate with him is that he was a man of high character and of many attractive qualities.

No man is good enough to govmany distinguished thinkers took ern another man without that other's consent. When the white Buchner owed his popularity as man governs himself, that is selfan expounder of materialism to the government; but when he governs unsurpassed clearness of his style, himself and also governs another his positive and confident manner, man, that is more than self-governhis avoidance of abstruseness in ment—that is despotism. Our rethe treatment of his subject, and liance is in the love of liberty; our his "enthusiasm of humanity." He defense is in the spirit which prizes presented the thought of Vogt and liberty as the heritage of all men in Moleschott more lucidly than it all lands, everywhere. Those who had been given in their books, and deny freedom deserve it not for

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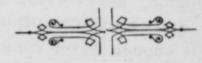
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