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## IS IT EXPEDIENT?

The annual worry incident to the high school is taxing the energies and straining the financial resources of a score of families, more or less, of a multitude present time, an country. A bevy of young women educated in the main without the
slightest reference to the reasonable requirements of their future lives, daughters of work-a-day parents who up their children intelligently and to provide for their bodily comfort, are
being bedecked for the graduating occasion in a style that lays heavy tribute upon the domestic purse, and
perbaps foredooms the rest of the family from the father down to the nursling (and certainly the self-sac. rificing mother) to go shabbily clad for half a year.
in which our grand system of way mon school education has grown into a heavy tax upon its supposed or in-
tended beneficlaries. It will be said, of course, that judicious parents, who $\$ 50$ in this way ent enough to refuse to comply with daughter for the occasion simply in accordance with their means. variance with human nature. Tall as we may about independence, the not a ruling force in the domain of been mitroduced therein, and never
except to be quickly frowned down and out. who cannot afford to spend the sum of money required by the presen graduating custom to enter and keep
up with the grand educational prosession, often at the cost of the most pitiful and pinching economy in the high school strueture. The idea is to vantages" of a more or less "ad education, equal in all respects to their children; to bridge, so to spea the channel between stations in life and merge them into Having been encouraged to do this, is it reasonable to expect pareats to fail at the last moment to tion? decided in family council that Mat tie, or Mamie, or Jennie, must have an overdress ot organdie and lace, mer a wite oatio petticoat, thoug mother's rusty serge must again be have whit turned; that she must ny cannot it sippers, though Johncause be bo battered old hat fill "hat father bat a "elass pin" must be boto do, These are homelv, things, but they represent condition
that are familliar in myriads of beset, straightened households today. The
weary mother, striviog, with an inweary mother, striviog, with an in adequate knowledge of "styles," to self and thus save something toward he ribbons and flowers at the $c x$ pense, as one recently expressed it of her own "blood and bones." as not a high school graduate, expense of her "vitality.") Anxious athers, chafing under the strain but oung manfully to meet it; fagged coung women, approaching the ocdentist's chair and wishing it were all over-friends, is it not true that our educational sys!em that bears no elation whatever to real education? In completing a course of study at the pablic schools, have we not
grown into a display that apes wealth without compassing its advantages ? Since individual parents are powerless in the matter from reasons that are clearly patent, is it not tume that he brakes were put upon the ma that its hease cong course to arrested and its movements be made to conthe public? In short, is it nut time lhat, with all our getting, we should trive to get understanding?-Ore

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