

What "Culture" Is.

Form a habit of quoting from the books you read. If you try to quote and fail, don't be discouraged, but look the matter up and succeed next time. When you visit, talk about your books rather than about your neighbors. Persevere in your labor, and great shall be your reward. Do not be discouraged if at first you do not like this or that standard author. Remember that men of culture do like him, and you will like him when you have made their culture yours. In boyhood, one thinks Yankee Doodle on a fiddle, or a picture of Peter with a green beard, the perfection of music and art; while Beethoven and Raphael have no charms. But years and culture bring a change. And so in reading. Persistent effort in the line of right will bring its reward.

The times are such, the spirit of the age is such, the circumstances that surround us are such, the longing souls of our children are such, that if we would keep these loved ones of our households long under the roof-tree and within the sacred circle of home, we must bring to them this culture that they will else leave us to seek some other where.

It was the prayer of Him who died that we might live, that blind eyes might be opened and deaf ears unstopped. The petition may well be re-echoed to-day, that the mentally blind and mute may see and hear the beauty and harmony that now lies hidden from them in the unexplored region of books. There stands before us all an open door, the way into the world of books! Shall we enter?—*Saturday Evening Call.*

The French government has put in operation certain laws against the Jesuits which had fallen into disuse. For several months the attention of the world has been turned to the discussion in the French legislature of a clause in the Education Bill forbidding the Jesuits to teach in any schools in the nation. This measure was adopted by the lower house but failed in the Senate. So emphatic was the demand for some measure of repression among the immediate representatives of the people, that the ministry were constrained to announce that if this clause failed they would be obliged to revive and put in force certain much harsher laws already on the statute books. They have now been as good as their word, and the official decrees which have been published require all religious orders to obtain the sanction and permission of the government or to disband and leave the country. There are over 21,000 members of "unauthorized orders" in France, including 15,000 Jesuits. The sympathies of Americans are divided in this case. Naturally, we incline to the fullest measure of liberty for all sects and parties, and we cannot but feel that modern European governments are continually in danger in their life and death struggle with Romanism of transgressing the just limits of liberty. The weapon which is to-day employed against the Romish orders may tomorrow be directed against the Protestants or against religion. With this caution it must be remembered that the presence of the Jesuits is a real and constant danger to the French Republic. They are bitter foes of free institutions and bonded allies of despotism, and all their influence is employed to mould the mind of the young into sympathy with absolutism in Church and State. The Society of Jesus is essentially a military organization; its fundamental principle is implicit and absolute obedience to the General. Loyalty to his commands is put above obedience to either the bishops of the Church or the laws of the State. It is a powerful machine in the State openly and avowedly recognizing a supreme allegiance to a power without the State, and unconsciously devoted to the task of preventing the

progress of free thought in religion, free inquiry in education, and free institutions in government. It has been repeatedly suppressed by the different States of Europe, sometimes in spite of, sometimes with cordial approbation of the Romish clergy; in 1759 by Portugal, in 1764 by France, in 1767 by Spain, in 1773 by Papal decree. It did more than any other one organization to keep England on edge of a religious war from the accession of Edward VI. to the death of Queen Elizabeth, and to keep France in civil war from the accession of Francis II. to the accession of the House of Bourbon. America has yet to learn that the easy practice of universal and unquestioning toleration of all so called religious agencies involves perils against which liberty demands strong and well appointed safeguards.—*Christian Statesman.*

Charles Lamb to Young Men.

The waters have gone over me. But out of the black depths, could I be heard, I could cry out to all those who have but set a foot in the perilous flood. Could the youth to whom the flavor of his first wine is delicious as the opening scenes of life, or the entering upon some newly discovered paradise, look into my desolation, and be made understand what a dreary thing it is when a man shall feel himself going down a precipice with open eyes and passive will—to see his destruction, and have no power to stop it, and yet feel it all the way emanating from himself; to see all godliness emptied out of him, and yet not able to forget a time when it was otherwise; to bear upon him the piteous spectacle of his own ruin,—could he see my fevered eye—feverish with the last night's drinking and feverishly looking for to-nights repetition of the folly; could he but feel the body of the death out of which I cry, hourly with feeble outcry, to be delivered—it were enough to make him dash the sparkling beverage to the earth in all the pride of its mantling temptation.—*Ec.*

Some of our religious exchanges are disgusted with the sensational advertising of pulpit themes of which the daily papers are the medium. The *Examiner* and *Chronicle* sternly rebukes that class of preachers who "substitute eccentricity for earnestness,"—truly saying that "a glance down the special Sunday notices of our daily newspapers is enough to sicken the heart of the average Christian. On a recent Saturday morning a New York minister advertised his sermon subjects as 'Divine Photographs,' and 'Heaven's Special Police.'" Mr. Moody, it appears has been preaching on "Mr. Lot,"—using vulgar and common language in his attempt to make himself understood. Says *The Christian Worker*: "We recently instanced the sensationalist preacher and his theme, 'The Heavenly Saviour,' founded on the text, 'Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened.' Now comes the announcement of a sermon on the subject of 'The Model Walker,'—not a go-as-you-please pedestrian, but Enoch, who 'walked with God.' Very clearly, the 'reverend' Harlequins and Pantaloon have not yet perished from off the earth.—*Ec.*

It is announced that Pope Leo XIII. has made a signal concession to the Prussian government. The names of priests appointed to livings are henceforth to be officially communicated by the bishops to the secular authorities. The Berlin correspondence of the *London Standard* says: "Though quite usual in many German and non-German lands, this had been hitherto refused to Prussia, by the papacy, who would not accord to a special Protestant government what was freely granted to others. The concession will have the most salutary consequences. About a thousand vacant livings will be refilled, and some vexatious clauses in the ecclesiastical laws repealed. Peace between Berlin and the Vatican has now become possible."

Key-Notes to the Books of the Bible.

OLD TESTAMENT.

1. *Genesis*.—The book of the beginnings.
2. *Exodus*.—The book of redemption (types).
3. *Leviticus*.—The book of sacrifice.
4. *Numbers*.—The book of wilderness.
5. *Deuteronomy*.—The book of conduct for Canaan.
6. *Joshua*.—The book of warfare for Canaan.
7. *Judges*.—The book of failure in Canaan.
8. *Ruth*.—The book of typical prophecy.
9. 1 *Samuel*.—The book of royal government in the hands of Saul.
10. 2 *Samuel*.—The book of royal government in the hands of David.
11. 1 *Kings*.—The book of royal government in the hands of Solomon and his successors.
12. 2 *Kings*.—The book of royal government in its decline.
13. 1 *Chronicles*.—The book of God's earthly elect connected with the Throne and the Ark.
14. 2 *Chronicles*.—The book of God's earthly government in the house of David.
15. *Ezra*.—The book of ecclesiastical history, upon the return from Babylon.
16. *Nehemiah*.—The book of civil condition, upon the return from Babylon.
17. *Esther*.—The book of God's secret government towards Israel.
18. *Job*.—The book of individual discipline for the learning of self.
19. *Psalms*.—The book of experimental holy song.
20. *Proverbs*.—The book of wisdom for the world.—*Ec.*

Slow News.

Much that is not very important is put into "news-papers" now-a-days; but the ideas of the more ancient editors as to what is really worth telling were very defective indeed—as much so as were their means of getting news and sending them abroad.

Wendell Phillips, in a lecture delivered in New York City last December, noted the wonderful growth, and power of the press in direction of journalism. This is an agent of civilization that has developed chiefly within fifty years.

The account of the battle of Waterloo which, Phillips said, was the grandest event in European history in this century, occupied only one-third of a column of the *London Times*. Compare with this journalistic enterprise that which lays a full-page history of the Ute massacre of ten persons in Colorado before the readers of our great dailies.

Garrison was mobbed in Boston in 1835, and narrowly escaped being hanged. With all the files of the Boston papers of that year before him, Mr. Phillips could not find anything like a detailed account of the event, "which shook the city while it lasted."

When President Harrison died in 1841, it took ten days for the news to reach Springfield, Ill., from Washington, and then Abraham Lincoln disbelieved the report because it seemed impossible it could reach there so soon.

Now, in the newspaper you buy this afternoon you "may read the words Queen Victoria spoke to her Parliament since the sun rose in England,"—or what a congress of European representatives said and did on the banks of the Bosphorus the evening before. As Phillips pertinently says: "The man who reads the paper has a telegraph wire that connects him with the world, and the man that does not read might as well be Robinson Crusoe on his island."—*Youth's Companion.*

A dose of Yankee Cough Syrup taken at bed-time will insure you a good night's rest from coughing.

Literary Notices.

THE CALIFORNIA ARCHITECT AND BUILDING REVIEW is a new journal, devoted to the interests of architects and housebuilders, but gives as well, many good items to everybody about the houses they live in, and what should be done to make them healthful and pleasant. It contains numerous plans for residences, both cheap and costly. \$1.50 per annum. James E. Wolfe, Editor and Manager, San Francisco, Cal.

VICK'S MONTHLY for April is an honor to its publisher, to the world of gardening and the culture of beautiful flowers. The frontispiece is lovely, and the departments into which the magazine is divided are all filled with wise and choice reading for the florist. \$1.25 per year. James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

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HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May presents an unusual variety of entertaining matter and is full of beautiful illustrations. The novelty of the Number is striking. The opening article, by HENRY J. VAN DYKE, Jr., takes us to the Red River Valley and across the border into Manitoba. The resources and the picturesque features of the country and its peculiar people (including the Mennonite immigrants) furnish entirely fresh pictures for pen and pencil; and, in the use of the latter, Mr. W. S. MACY, the artist, has been very efficient. Mrs. LILLIE's second paper on "Music and Musicians in England" is, in every page of it, a revelation of phases of English social life unfamiliar to the majority of American readers. The social side of English musical life has furnished Mr. ABBEY with motives for a number of delightful drawings, engraved for this article. In addition to these, this artist has also contributed to this Number a charming illustration of ROBERT HERRICK's poem "On Chloris Walking in Ye snowe." Less picturesque, perhaps, but quite as novel, are the descriptions, by the late JAMES W. MILNER, of the fisheries and fishermen on our Middle Atlantic coast (from Chesapeake Bay to Albemarle Sound), with excellent illustrations. Mrs. TREAT contributes a second paper of her "Home Studies of Nature," full of interest, and beautifully illustrated by J. C. BEARD. Among the solid articles are EDWARD CARY's "Civil Service Reform in New York," and Colonel H. M. BOIES's "Our National Guard." The Editor's *Easy Chair*, with other interesting matter, contains some very pithy reflections on wood-engraving. In the *Drawer*, which is full of bright humors, there is a new poem (illustrated), entitled "Mine Childhood," by the author of "Leedle Yawcob Strauss."

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A MAN LOST.

I have lost the address of a man by the name of John C. Deleameter, who is supposed to be somewhere in Oregon. Anyone who will notify me of his address will be liberally rewarded.

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