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Thomas Nelson Page's address on "The American Homes and the Four Hundred in New York."

"I have always been struck by the sincerity which I have found in the American. Unfortunately for our reputation, the phase of home life which is most frequently brought into public notice, is one which, if it can be called home life at all, is certainly not representative of American home life. It is that which is found in certain peculiar circles of certain large cities in this country. This is the home life which is most frequently referred to and advanced in the public prints, possibly because it is the most extraordinary form that domestic life has ever taken in this country. Unhappily for us, it goes abroad as being a constituent part of our home life; and very ridiculously it is imagined, perhaps because it so imagines itself and asserts itself, to be the highest form of our home life. I thank God for my part that it is not only not the highest form of American life, but that it is no part whatever of American home life. It is only a counterfeit presentment of what it esteems to be a form of foreign fashionable life. It has not even the virtue of having its vices sincere.

"A preacher, and I have no doubt a good preacher and a good man, preached the other day before this people or that segment of them that goes to church a sermon calling their attention to their duties in plain and vigorous language for which he has been much and justly praised in the newspapers of the country. But the Rev. Dr. Hamilton is the rector of a New York church, and the New York in which his church is situated is not the least provincial section in this country. It arrogates itself to be a sort of sacred and forbidden city within the outer city of New York proper.

"The major portion of the congregation which he addressed at Newport the other day belongs to that New York, and to such sycophants as can buy a holding within its borders; and the reverend preacher, in order to make his sermon go down with his congregation, used an argument, which, in the interest of American civilization, I must repudiate. He told them that they must remember that 50,000,000 American people had their gaze fastened upon them and looked to them as their exemplars, applying their energies and spending their lives in endeavoring to emulate them. I know not how to characterize such nonsense except in the plain venacular. With such insensate flattery pouring into their ears no wonder that little set of gilded imitators lose their bearings, become blinded and fall into the ditch of folly and profligacy.

"I make so bold as to assert that there are not only not 50,000,000 of people in this country who sit with envious, if not adoring, gaze fastened upon that spectacle of divorced and doubly divorced men and women and their sycophants and parasites; but that outside of their own circle, there are not more than 50,000 people in all America who do not reprobate and deride their arrogance. It is true that their doings are chronicled and doubtless read by millions in the weekly journals, but so are the acts of freaks and malefactors, including characters who are unmentionable.

"And the reverend preacher doubtless has lived so close to the source from which these reports have emanated that he has become dazzled and lost his bearings; but if he would go abroad, and when I say abroad I do not mean to other countries, but abroad in this broad land, and see the American people in their home, he would find that those to whom he addressed himself on that oc-

casions were far from being held in the esteem he stated. They mistake notoriety for fame, brazenness for splendor and prominence for exaltation."—The Sun.

LITERARY NOTES.

The September number of McClure's Magazine will contain an elaborately illustrated article by Samuel Hopkins Adams on "The Training of Lions, Tigers, and Other Great Cats." The drawings, by Charles R. Knight, of the American Museum of Natural History, because of the artist's technical skill and scientific knowledge, are doubtless the most startling and life-like portraits of lions that have appeared in any magazine for some time. The author relates several capital anecdotes of hairbreadth escapes of trainers from death.

Honorable George S. Boutwell, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, will write in the September McClure's of "An Historic Sale of United States Bonds in England." The article gives the text of the official correspondence of our government with the Bank of England relating to a somewhat singular episode in the affairs of the Treasury Department.

"A Bill from Tiffany's" will be the subject of the second of the "True Stories from the Under-World," by Josiah Flynt and Francis Walton, in McClure's for September. The hero is a New York detective, and the action centers round a metropolitan diamond robbery. This story shows how professional thieves live and how they treat each other. The illustrations will be from studies of types in the Rogue's Gallery.

BOTH SIDES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE KANSAS CITY STAR'S NOVEL FORUM FEATURE.

The Kansas City Star has decided upon a special feature for the presidential campaign which was never undertaken before by any newspaper. At its request the chairman of the two national committees, Messrs. James K. Jones and M. A. Hanna, have selected and appointed two distinguished writers to conduct, in the Star a department to be called "The Campaign Forum." In this department the arguments of each of the two great parties will be presented, side by side, day by day. To conduct the democratic side, Mr. Jones has selected and formally appointed Mr. Willis J. Abbott, chief of the Press Bureau of the Democratic National Committee, and for the Republican side, Mr. Hanna has selected and appointed the famous journalist and literateur, Mr. Murat Halstead. Upon learning the decision of the two chairmen, The Star immediately engaged the two gentlemen and on Sunday, August 19, the Campaign Forum will be inaugurated, to be continued in the regular issue of The Star, daily and Sunday until the end of the campaign. An interesting feature of the Forum will be the answers to questions upon campaign topics, submitted to the Star to be answered by either Mr. Halstead or Mr. Abbott, or both. Under the circumstances, the answers thus given will have the stamp of authority of the National Committees.

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