

COPYING PICTURES. HOW THE OLD MASTERS' GREAT PAINTINGS ARE REPRODUCED.

Scenes in the Art Galleries of the Old World—Artists at Work—Methods of Copying—Ladies Who Study High Art—Restrictions.

Whether it is preferable to purchase an original picture for a certain sum, or for the like money to obtain a good copy of a masterpiece of ancient art, is a question admitting of much debate. To many the word "copy" is held in detestation.

ON A COPYING DAY. It is a very curious sight on a copying day at any of the large European treasure houses to wander about the galleries and observe the numbers engaged at their work.

A large number of people think that to copy a picture is comparatively an easy thing and requires no great amount of training. To give an idea of color and drawing in one's own style of painting may not be so difficult, but to reproduce a subject in exactly the same manner the original artist painted it means a great deal more.

FOR A LIVELIHOOD. Among the many copying for their livelihood there are a few who spend the greater part of their time in reproducing one or two pictures. They have acquired the necessary peculiar brushwork and color for these pictures, and their work, when finished, is except for its freshness and being on a smaller canvas, could hardly be distinguished from the original.

THE BANANA BUSINESS.

Preparing the Soil—Putting Out the "Suckers"—Dreadful Foes. Mr. Kennedy took me in charge early, and on the wharf (on the shady side of the shed) gave me the account of the banana business that I shall try to reproduce.

But the banana planter has a deadly foe in the hurricanes and high winds that frequently sweep over the West Indies. The banana tree has very small roots and is easily knocked over. Sometimes even with nothing worse than a lively "norther" an entire plantation is destroyed in an hour, and there is nothing for it but to start over again.

THE BURDEN OF CRIMINAL EXILE. It is manifest, I think, that when a flood of 10,000 vagrants, thieves, counterfeiters, burglars, highway robbers and murderers is poured into a colony, the class most injurious to the welfare of that colony is the liberated class.

THE TWO SIDES NO. ALIKE. The two sides of the face are not alike. As a rule, says a German professor, the want of symmetry is confined to the upper part of the face.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their delegates in national convention to pass on the threshold of their proceedings to honor the memory of their first great leader and illustrious champion, Liberty and the rights of the people, Abraham Lincoln, and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable renown the noble and generous memory of their late leader who have been recently called away from our councils, Grant, Garfield, Arthur, Hayes and McKinley, solemnly and faithfully reaffirm.

WE AFFIRM OUR UNWAVERING DEVOTION to the national constitution and to the individual liberties of the people, and our fidelity to the states under the constitution, and to the personal rights and liberties of citizens in all states and territories in the union and subject to the supreme and sovereign authority of every citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, to cast one free ballot in his own district and to have his ballot fairly counted. We hold a free and honest popular ballot and just and equal representation in all public offices, in our courts, in our public government, and demand effective legislation to secure the integrity and purity of elections by the free exercise of the franchise.

WE DENOUNCE THE MILLS' BILL as destructive to general business, and as a serious menace to the consistency and patriotic action of the republican party in the support of a measure which it is our duty to oppose. We condemn the proposition of the democratic party to place wool on the free list and to subject the wool growers of the American West to the same duties as those imposed on the wool of other countries.

OUR MERCHANDISE MARINE. We earnestly recommend that prompt action be taken to secure the construction of a merchant marine of the United States. Legislation as will best secure the rehabilitation of our American merchant marine, and we protest against the continued existence of a flagless fleet of steamships.

COUNTRY, promote trade, open new and direct markets for our products and cheapen the cost of transportation. We affirm this to be far more than a country plan. The democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pet banks."

WE URGE THE PRESIDENT DEMOCRATIC administration to cancel the United States bonds of the fisheries question, and its pusillanimous surrender of all privileges to which our fishery vessels are entitled in Canadian ports under the treaty of 1809.

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