Can America Produce an Original Art!

The American Architect in its latest number, comments very sensibly on an article in its London namesake, which discusses the prospect for the produce tion of an original art in America.

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with this criticism of American art, though we might easily show it to be immense bay-windowed mansion in too sweeping, or to defend our people Stratton street a cul de sac which runs against the charge of a want of originalty. On the contrary, we should prefer to plead guilty on all the counts of that indictment, and if the charge were one which, being proved, must be followed by general condemnation, we should enter only one plea in mitigation of punishment. It is, that there has never been the slightest reason to expect that thus early, if at all, in our national life, the art of America would prove original. It is barely a hundred years since the nation declared its political inde-pendence. It is but eighty-eight since its government assumed quasi national form. The average life of a single generation would measure the period during which the really active forces of general intercommunication have been at work to knit the various elements of our population into something like a consistent whole. And it is only twelve years since the close of the civil war. which broke down the barrier that previous to that time, had made the two great sections of the country not only different, but violently opposed to each other in interest, in social customs, and in habits of thought. Meanwhile the country has been populated. How? Relatively in small part by the descend-ants of the original inhabitants at the time of the Revolution, and largely by immigrants and their descendants in the second and third generation. This motley population has been rapidly spreading over a vast area, clearing the forest, subduing the soil, building itself dwellings, workshops, factories, and giene of the voice." He briefly decomparatively little else. To expect from a people with such a history art remarkable for excellence of any kind, and especially art sufficiently bomogeneous and complete to be called national, and sufficiently different from the art which has gone before to be called

Moreover, it appears that the condi-tions of life at this epoch are not favorable to the rise of an original art from any source. If Mr. Taine's theory be accepted that enduring art can only be reached by the complete and characteristic expression of the milieu of the artists, what can be expected when the milieu tends more and more, over the face of the globe, to become the same? When Rome and Florence are falling into a marked resemblance to London, and Cairo is a miniature Paris; when the national costumes from Poland to the Pyrenees are giving way before the steady advance of the English hat and French pantaloons; and when in all the intellectual centers of Europe art-education runs back to the study of a more or less remote past, what is there likely to be left, in a few decades, of essentially peculiar surroundings or national ideas from which art can take its impress of originality? We have but to glance at the Orient to see the tremenduous effect which is produced by the rapid spread of influences common to the European peoples. Every one recognizes in much of Oriental art a character entirely its own. In color, in form, in combination, in ideas and in method, Eastern art is clearly original. But to get the full flavor of these qualities, which, if rigidly adhered to, will be a we must go back at least one genera-tion. Quantities of work are now being turned out in Asia Minor, in India, in Japan. and, to a less extent in China Japan. and, to a less extent in China and Persia, for the European market, be nearly empty. Alcoholic beverages street by a former friend, who threatin which European tastes are consulted, and European methods are followed.

original, is absurd.

We see it in the flood of so-called Oriental "art objects" which has been poured upon the New York market during the past year; much of it has been been interesting, and a very little of it has been almost perfectly characteristic. But a large part of it has been poor and barren in design, bad in workmanship, and vulgar and "shoppy" in purpose. The greater the demand created here, the less the wares which are sent to satisfy it contain of objects really expressing the characteristics of East-If the old and sluggish peoples of the East are surrendering to the influences which proceed from the commercial the peoples who immediately surround those centres, and especially from the those centres, and especially from the those centres, and especially from the er. In concluding his lecture Dr. she was taken sick and sent to Bellevue centres, what can be anticipated from American people, which has as yet nec-

essarily always been the most commer-cial of them all? Whether American art may yet, in some indefinite future, have characteristics of its own sufficiently defined and valuable to consti-

the place of nonor in the stand of his first wife, an excellent venues of very hundle origin. He left the shole of his immense wearts, after providing handsomely for his daughters, to his second wife, Miss Mellon, a celebrated actress, and she no doubt in accordance with his wishes, bequeathed it to his grand-daughter. Why Lady Burdett-Courts was thus selected has not been explained. As soon as Mrs. Courts was thus selected has not been explained. As soon as Mrs. Courts was thus selected has not been explained. As soon as Mrs. Courts was thus selected has not been explained. As soon as Mrs. Courts was thus became a central figure in English society. The London papers of 1824, when she emerged from widow-hood, devoted much paper to the following the many of the public of or a first wind the second wide with the court of the public of or the public of or the public of or the public of the court of the public of the Duchess of Argyll," etc., and she figures in half a dozen novels of that day, notably in Disraeli's "Vivina Gray." there were six or eight of them,) or infinitely expected by the stable, the matter of precedence of St. Albans, but a life annuity of £50
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10,000 guineas. She entertains a great deal, and gives perhaps larger dinner parties in her vast dining room than any other person in London, but neither her dinners por her balls are exceptionally recherche. Still she sees all the most inter-esting people. She is an intimate friend of Mr. Gladstone, who in 1871 advised the Queen to raise her to a peerage. and he and his family passed several weeks with her in town some years ago when his own house was not available Lady Burdett-Coutts is now about sixty; she is tall and thin, with a very amiable expression of countenance and pleasing manner, the latter being utterly devoid of the slightest arrogance or pretension. To whom Lady Burdett Coutts' enormous wealth will go is not known. Her brother, Sir Robert, is a queer old bachelor, with \$200,000 a year, but she has nephews and nieces who are by no means wealthy, and who consider themselves eminently eligible for thumping legacies.

The Hygiene of the Voice.

scribed the mechanism of the human musical instrument, and said that of all the different parts none is so interesting as the larvnx. In discussing the hygiene of the voice, Dr. Ward said that there are many agents which more or less influence the voice, the four principal of which are climate, dress, diet and exercise. Change of climate will undoubtedly for a time exert some slight deleterious influence on the larvnx, but this influence is greatly overestimated. All clothing should be closely attached to the body. The present fashionable style of dress is decidedly unhealthy. The chest and abdomen are unnaturally confined, the lungs and other organs thins being prevented from acting in a normal manner. The dress should be worn high in the neck, and the sensible female artist avoids as much as possible appearing on the stage in full dress. The throat should not be wrapped in comforters, boas, kinds of meat venison, turkey, roast beef and lamb are the easiest to digest. Cooked vegetables, unless too highly bage, cucumbers and such like should bly discarded. Dinner at noon, followed by a light tea at nightfall, is a rule should not on any consideration be indulged in by vocal artists, for they destroy freshness and vivacity, and pro-

ocal chords, there are several rules on one of the islands in the harbor, and which must be observed. The exer- she performed her duties without excise must be regularly and systematic- citing suspicion, until she was sentenced ally practised; they must always be to ten days' imprisonment in the guardwithin the register; they should never house, for intoxication. To a guard she be pushed to the point of fatigue; they should never be sung too loud; they known as "Sergeant Mary." The Capshould never be made use of when the tain of the company dismissed her, and vocal organs are attacked by cold, no she returned to New York, and drank matter how slight, and they should be so heavily that she was never off Blackpractised while standing upright, so as | well's Island for more than a week at to allow of free play of the lungs and at a time. Finally, a permanent posi-Ward said that learning to sing cor- Hospital, where she died .- N. Y. Sun. rectly is learning to be healthy .- N. Y. World.

Teaching Latin to Cows-

conclusion by no means flattering to us from his point of view. "What we find in America," he says, "in a good deal of national taste for poetry and not much for music, a very moderate knowledge at the best, of painting and sculpture, and, in respect of architectarchings, which he describes in effect as a made her an old maid, but she probably finds compensation in the fact that it has also made her the most popular woman in London, with which is the meanest kind of bitings, which he describes in effect as a more jumble of passable imitations of bastard Italian, English villa architecture, and very "fair" copies of Gothic churches.

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General Crook On the Indian Situation. General Crook, commanding the Department of the Platte, has been interviewed by the Omaha Box, and has giv. en a number of interesting facts and views regarding the Indian situation. The General said he felt indifferent in Bureau to the War Department; he considered that the management of the Indians would always be a difficult question, and he believed that it would not be an easy matter to maintain peace on the Northern border and on the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone. Sitting Bull could not long remain on British soil, because the British Government there had nothing with which to suppl the Indians, and the scarcity of the buffalo would make it necessary for these roving bands to follow the game to their accustomed grazing ground in United States territory, there would be more or less communication between them and other Indians, and therefore more or less trouble. The fact is, said General Crook, the decrease of the buffalo is so rapid that the Indians will soon have to find some other means of subsistence, and this will finally compel commit depredations along the Northwestern frontier. Over 100,000 buffalo have been slaughtered every year during the past ten years, and the increase has been so much less than this that Dr. J. Whitefield Ward lectured in but one result could be looked for-inhas aggregated 60,000 annually, and very many are killed for food whose hides are comparatively worthless, and, therefore, they are not included in this estimate. General Crook thought it would be utterly impossible to prevent present strength that it is managed by would be utterly impossible to prevent men of ability, character and upright-Sitting Bull from crossing the border ness, and that a strong and reliable ininto the United States, as there were 500 miles of unprotected territory alone. The agency Indians will be in communication with Sitting Bull's forces when they come down, which will give the military two classes of Indian; to look after-the invaders from the North and those at the several agencies. General Crook left Omaha lately for the Indian Territory on official business on Indian

Sergeant Mary's Death.

The body of Mary O'Keefe, otherwise known as "Sergeant Mary," was taken to the Morgue yesterday. Twenty-five years ago, while living with her her own age, who had also been crossed in this shirt." in love, and they agreed to leave their

seasoned, are easily digested; but cab- homes and live together. Mary disguised herself as a man, and, representbe avoided. Pastry should be invaria- ing that her friend was her wife, engaged rooms in an up-town tenement. Their seclusion was complete, and they lived happily together for a long time, supporting themselves by filling orders which Mary's friend obtained from a neighboring shirt factory.
One day Mary was recognized in the

ened to have her arrested unless she returned home. She accordingly laid aside her male attire and went again to duce a peculiar hoarsness and cough her parents; but when her family called easily distinguished by the practised her "Mary the Man" she cut her hair short, donned the uniform and enlisted For the proper development of the as a soldier. Her regiment was stationed

What it Costs to Write Well.

Excellence is not matured in a day, and the cost of it is an old story. The betute originality, is hardly a question with which our artists or their patrons need just now to trouble themselves my cows Latin. I don't mean that I and over in a variety of ways. Addison, need just now to trouble themselves my cows Latin. I don't mean that I and over in a variety of ways. Addison, and over in a v such patient skill as they can attain, and if the latter but make the best of their opportunities to know and to possess honest work in any department of art to which their taste inclines them, originality will take care of itself.—New York Times.

The Richest Englishwomes—

Mr. Thomas Coutts died, aged 91, in 1822. He did not found the house, but he gave it the fame it enjoys. Lady Burdett, the mother of Baroness Burdett. Coutts, was his third daughter by his first, wife, an excellent venues of very humble origin. He left the whole of his immense wealth, after providing handsomely for his daughters, to his Decem could "fick" Novem, and No-murders. Balton, and No-murders. Balton and November 11 and 1822. He did not found the house, but he gave it the fame it enjoys. Lady Burdett, the mother of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, was his third daughter by his first, wife, an excellent venues of very humble origin. He left the whole of his immense wealth, after providing handsomely for his daughters, to his Decem could "fick" Novem, and No-murders. Balton after he hed thought in the case of the country hands account to the part of the country and extensively used abroad, and of the wind of the part of the country and extensively used abroad, and of the wind of the part of the country and the place of honor in the stable and the place

being found on different bits of paper, The General said he felt indifferent in differently expressed. Rogers showed reference to the transfer of the Indian Crabb Robinson a note to his "Italy," which he said took him two weeks to write. It consists a very few lines. -Boston Times.

An lowa Institution.

From the Des Moines Leader. The Hawkeye Insurance Company has filed its annual statement with the Auditor of State, from an examination of which it appears that it did a large and prosperous business in 1877. Its of any other Iowa Company. It has added to its net surplus \$30,981.46, and har added to its gross assets \$41,408.36 making its assets on January 1, 1878.

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It has shown by its past record and tor's visit will cost—I know it. surance company can be built up and maintained in the west as well as in

Peru is not tired of Chinese cheap la ior. On the contrary, the people like, t, and the government is encouraging Chinese immigration. There are now 70,000 Chinese in Peru with all the rights and privileges of native citizenship, and the government has established a line of steamers to bring more. Large num bers of Chinese, it is said, have become converts to the Catholic religion, and

five years ago, while living with her worn, and the feet should be guarded against wet. Food supplies, nourishment and warmth, and the article of diet which has the special property of producing heat in the body is fat. The diet of the singer should be bland as well as nutritious. Of the different kinds of mest venison, turkey, roast. wards she met a young woman of about with: "Ma, I do feel awful lonesome

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