

"SOUR GRAPES."

Mr. Clark Reviews
Professor Ott's Book.

"Sour Grapes," with its sub-title, "Heredity and Marriage," by Ed. Amherst Ott, president of Ott's school of expression, Chicago, Ill., fell by the wayside and thus becomes the subject of our criticism. The chief feature of the book deals with crime and criminals from the standpoint of heredity, which he seeks to make sponsor for this growing menace to society, and while attempting to withhold from the race at large that universal application of the censoria cosmos declared upon in holy writ, concedes that "we are all of one blood."

Starting with a grain of truth, his emphasis of "heredity" grows beyond all measure of consistency, so much so, in fact, that he is overtaken by self-refutation, not only between the lines, but by direct statement. It is to be regretted by all that one of Mr. Ott's natural ability and acquisitions, could not, in advance of "Sour Grapes," have made the acquaintance of Wm. Dean Howell's "Traveler from Altruria," and also have gleaned from Mr. Herbert Spencer's ninth chapter of "Social Statics" the evidence upon which society, en omnibus, is not only indicted, but convicted of being maternal paternity to all of the wheelps of dolus born in the cosmic lair. Though it may be that it was reflections along these lines or from some such contact, that led him in his final summary to conclude that those criminals that passed review under his glass "were more sinned against than sinning."

But "Sour Grapes" is not a total failure by any means. Aside from the fact that it contains some very useful information, if heeded, it cannot be denied that as an emollient with which to assuage the conscience of those who, "smiting their breasts," thank God that they are not "as other men are," it is a complete success.

To personal character, Mr. Ott assigns a three-fold basis, in this order: heredity, environment and self-education. That this is the proper order of importance is true only from the fact that environment, in the broad sense, involves both the others. He also says: "The blows and buffets of adverse circumstance affect it," but has neither mention nor censure for those who, by their insatiable criminal greed, are directly responsible for those adverse circumstances. He also says: "The weariness born of hard labor and the sweet benediction of rest are needed." The use of the conjunctive in this sentence furnishes us a rather curious anomaly; for when hard labor, either as a judicial ukase or from force of circumstance, is imposed, the physical law of nature is violated, but this is not "needed." This may be a mere lapsus lingui, but, considering the latter part of the sentence, how abortive the mere benediction of rest would be unless bodily comforts were also at hand. Mr. Ott seems not to see that it is the absence of these bodily comforts that, in the main, incite 90 per cent of petty crimes as declared upon by a large and dignified consensus of authority upon social statics.

There is an unveiled suspicion in the Ott philosophy and dictum that the hounds employed upon the geneologic trail of the New York, Indiana and Oklahoma families, to whom Mr. Ott pays the compliment of special mention, and whose progeny furnished such a saturnalia of crime that their prosecution cost their respective states several millions of dollars, had what hunters call a "bad nose," i. e., their scent had become vitiated, while those who "ran by sight" were handicapped by wearing the Ott ground lens. The birds they stooped were all of the common feather, i. e., the lower (least dangerous) impoverished type. None of the pharisaic brand are mentioned, though criminal statistics show that the most heinous crimes, and these compounded, are largely committed by clergymen and others of high social standing.

Mr. Ott also says that "virtue and vice run in families," and that the "convicts in our penal institutions wear in their facial contour evidences of an inborn predisposition to crime," yet does not claim that any of the progeny of the "vicious families" mentioned by him were aldermanic boodlers that are found galore in every city in the country; none were senators, congressmen or state officials and legislators who take bribes and betray their constituency, nor were there any of those arch criminals among them who wear sheep's clothing, who are so adroit in crime that they first procure the enactment of laws through legislators whom they corrupt, by which to justify their crimes in advance and, the moral laws

of God aside, stand at the throne of grace and in the corridors of good society with a surfeit of luxury about them earned in the sweat of a brother's face whom they exploit by virtue of legal travesty.

So, also, since it does not appear that this superlative brood of criminals from the bacterial womb of dolus "wear in their faces the in-born evidence of a predisposition to crime," so boldly asserted of their captive brothers in our penal institutions, we must conclude that this supposed criminal badge of the latter class is but the mark that abject poverty and languishing distress always leaves upon the famished child of want whose physical, moral and mental abandon, enduring from generation to generation, knows no hiatus but the grave.

O, yes, there are types other than the "Jukes," etc., and it is passing strange that none of Mr. Ott's criminals were bank cashiers, treasurers, who were also prominent in the Sunday schools and Y. M. C. A. or were the trusted guardians in other fiduciary capacities, who become so often the subjects of Associated press news. Those of fine cloth and wine suppers have wholly eluded the scent of the Ott hounds, while the facial indicia of a "predisposition to crime" must yield its claim to that which poverty asserts, as its very own.

Then come the manifest destiny and benevolent assimilation type, the kill-all-over-ten variety, and the more recent peculiar-circumstance genus; yet none of these large and ever-growing "high roller" variety whose impunity has not the ameliorating spur of poverty or "the buffet of adverse circumstance" behind it, seem to have enlisted the attention of the professor. He saw no Dietrich, Colby, Fisher or Captain Parker, while the "facial indicia of crime" was unnoticed by him in any of the postal department grafters. Only those who, in metaphor, being without a potato patch, stole a sack of meal, are come within his radius from whom the professor adduces such an emollient to our conscience. Though of that class he so quietly avoids, it was a Christ who said of them: "The publicans and harlots shall enter into the kingdom before you."

The philosophy of Mr. Ott, as typified in "Sour Grapes," has but a spurious optimism that needs the leaven of the opti-pessimist in order that it may point to us the avenue of search and the covertis of all the wheelps of dolus, whether they be clad in rags of poverty, the judicial ermine, the phylacteries of saints, the cloth of respectability or the crown, with prejudice to none, that a better justice may be born to the race.

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(Note: Mr. Clark adds that the quotations from "Sour Grapes," though substantial, are not pro hoc verba.)

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