Mock characters, like false lights are worse than darkness. There are any number of skin-deep saints in the world at all times; and sheep's clothing and long robes are always in great demand in the market. Indeed we all use cosmetics of the moral kind to remove freckles or wrinkles. To meet the respectable, smooth-shaved, decorous, venerable ornaments of society we sometimes see, you would not suspect that any slanders could find birth against men so soft spoken, so frank and so confidential.

But they do. Raven black and dead eyes, and drawn down corners of the month, and an exceptional lie, don't always stand for godliness. Cucullas non facit monachum-The owl does not make the friar. That highly respectable board of directors, so hale, loud spoken, well fed seem, every man of them, fit for prizes at an exhibition of commercial moralities; still they are in trouble about loans, contracts, or prospectuses. That manufacturer sings loud in his pew on Sundays, but makes thirty-five inches to the yard on Mondays: and that prosperous shopkeeper has strangely dark windows; and does that one believe his own puffs? The millennium has not come yet, and can hardly be hoped for, by appearances, at any very short date. Somehow, the bottles do not show the same strawberries all the way down, in all cases; and jockeys sometimes forget to tell a horse's faults; and there have been books written on adulterations and tricks in trade; and men's words or writings are not always the unclouded expression of their thoughts. And yet to meet men, how nearly perfect they seem; in their suavity, innocence and sentiments. There are a good many Siberian crabs, and apples of Sodom, and huge pears that look like honey and eat like wood. We have our panics, and thousand liquidations, and a bundred millions of railway stock unproductive, bankruptcy court revelations. The crop of knaves and half knaves is by no means extinct. There is a dark side to a good many things besides the moon; and has not the sun its spots, not to speak of eclipses that happen pretty widely throughout the uni-

verse? Be you, young man, a contrast to all this. Character that is only a mask is beneath you, and mere conventional goodness is a lie of the devil. Determine, from the first, to be transparent and truthful to God and your fellows, let Mephistoclese say what he likes. It is better, after all, to have the universe on your side than against you. Curses, like chickens, come home to roost; and so do falsities, if not outwardly, yet in your soul. I pray you don't offer a prophet's chamber in your conscience to satan. Life is sacred; keep it so. We are born for a purpose, and can serve it only as we serve God. Humanity is a whole, not a mere mob of generations, and has a destiny in which every one has a set part. The little moment of our being is great enough to live well in, and leave true work behind it. Play the man, not the trickster. Evelyn saw men at Leghorn staking their liberty for life in mad gambling, and, having lost it, presently led off into slavery. He who has do with a lie stakes his soul and loses in any case. Character, pure and noble, chimes in with the eternal harmonies; but falsehood is a hideous clangor, now and forever. What any life, however humble, can do is a secret with God; it may widen its influence through ages, or it may leave a trace seen only by the light of God's truth and laws, it is holy forever. The city of God slowly rises through the ages, and every true life is a living stone in some of its palaces. You were made for God, young man, from eternity, and no lie is born of Him, be it in trade or profession, in act or in word. Insincerities are marks on the devil's tally, and so are hypocrites and shams. Let your character be real, the shining warp and woof of each day working out the part God has set you in the great loom of time .- C. Geikie, D. D.

## Homesickness.

Perhaps there is no sensation so dis-heartening or so demoralizing to the mental and physical system as homesickness. It is not necessary that one should be in a foreign land In fact, one may feel at home in the throne suffers, perhaps, from its qualms when he remembers the balcyon days before the cares of state beleagured him; the poor-house tenant may feel a sickening yearning for the home she has never known. which has never existed for her; the little child droops away from his mother: the withered crone has moments of enutterable pain when she recalls the hearth-stone where the embers have been ashes for half century; the old are homesick for their youth, the days of their strength and their prime, when the 'world was all before them where to choose,' when success was not so as- thee, nor thyself to thy friend.

sured, or failure not so certain-the days when children hung about their knees, and daily anxieties environed them; homesick, perhaps, for the very worries which they have outgrown, for the little trials which belonged to the hours of their activity, for the hopes that time has dispelled, for the caresses of dear dead hands, 'the sound of a voice that is still.' To-day seems alien and sunless to the homesick heart which lives in the vesterdays. But if age is sometimes smitten, neither is youth exempt. The young sicken for what the future may bring-for the fame that is so long in coming; for the recognition, the happiness, the romance, its promises. That longing, baffled feeling which haunts us when some good that has been promised or paid is squandered or

withheld is a form of the disease familiar to most of us, which comes to us upon some strain of music which the incense of the 'meanest flower that blows' may revive. Who has not been touched by it in re-visiting scenes that were once a part of our every-day look-out-the old homestead that has passed to strangers, the orchard where we learned the sweetness of stolen fruit, the church where we repeated our little prayers, the school-house where we made acquaintance with fractions and the ferule, or the garden gate where we parted with our first lover? It may be that the masculine mind is less susceptible than the teminine to this sentiment of homesickness. Man is oftener master of the situation. If his conditions displease him, he has the power to rearrange them -to give the kaleidoscope of life another turn; if the 'madding crowd' offends him, be can pack his valise, and go on a ranch, where the sound of the church-going bell the valleys and rocks never heard;' and if country life grows distasteful, he may seek his fortune abroad and medicine homesickness

### Study of English Literature.

The thing we want to save for our

children is the habit of intense, pa-

books, or of the best that fall in the

verse.—Harper's Bazar.

with the infinite variety of the uni-

way of any particular child. Such books are still rare, and the boy who has climbed a few of them need not tire his legs tramping through the vast realms of foot-hills overlooked from their summits. There is but one way now in which this can be accomplished. If a child, at a proper age, can be thoroughly introduced to one real author, led through his books and brought into vital communion with the "hiding place of his power," he will not be tempted to fill himself with husks; but will go on making the acquaintance of other books and authors of the same sort. It seems to us that a good deal of the instruction in English literature fails at this point. A pupil is not committing to memory a compendious history of English literature, even a weekly exercise in repeating poetical "gems." On the contrary, this sort of instruction lays the foundation of that hop-skip-andjump style of going through authors which leaves the mind of the reader flippant, shallow and dry; trifling with the surface of culture, untouched by the influence of the noblest minds. It may be well to give a high-school or academical class s chart of English authorship, with a few light-houses and buoys indicating the great channels of thought that fertilize the different periods of English and American history. But this is properly the work of the history class; and nothing is really done for the student in literature till some author of commending power is taken in hand and read thoroughly by teacher and class, till the dullest soul in it comes to know, in some measure, the power of a great book If but one thing can be done, let it be this. Better give your whole school one session a week with your most accomplished teacher, in the thorough reading of one great author suitable for the class, than fill their minds with a senseless catalogue of authors and titles relieved by a few extracts; like a dull suit of linsy - wolsey illuminated by the dreary glimmer of an occasional brass button sewed upon the homely

suit of melancholy gray. General Garfield said to a delega- wafted along the valley of the tion from Indiana that wanted a Thames is composed of small parcabinet position for that State: "I ticles of water that ought properly am under obligations to my district to be dissipated by the sun's heat. for sending me to the State Senate; Only one difficulty, is the sun able in order to experience the sensation. I am under obligations to the peo- to undertake the duty. The smoke ple of my Congressional district for poured out from hundreds of thou-Arabian desert, or among the ruins sending me to Congress so often; I sands of chimneys, does not merely rather than bend himself to circumof Basibec. It is the uncongeniality am under obligations to the State of mix with the fog; it coats each wat- stances. of the surroundings which predis- Ohio for electing me to represent ery particle with a tarry, oily film, poses us to the malady rather than them in the Senate of the United giving it an unnatural character, and removal from familiar scenes and States; and I am under obligations preserving it, so to speak, from imfaces. The disease has no respect to the four million Republican voters | mediate dispersion. A genuine Lonfor persons; it more often seizes the of the United States for electing me don fog, therefore, is something and paper get together, the result FARM WAGONS, idle than the busy. The king on the to the Presidency. I have more ob- more than a fog. It is a prodigious ligations than I can pay. Gentle- large volume of mist, held in a kind men, I am a bankrupt, with more obligations than assets.

Boston Post: Americans are of a practical nature. When an Illinois farmer who had got rich was visiting Switzerland, they dilated to him of the beauty of the surrounding scenery. "Yes," he replied, "as scenery it's very good. But it strikes me the Lord has wasted a lot of space on scenery that might have been level and good farming and." They wanted to lynch him.

Make not thy friend too cheap to

Romance of an Advertisement.

The Springfield (Mass.) corres condent of the Boston Herald writes: A sewing-girl in this city has had a romantic experience which is worth telling. Several months ago a man at Dubuque, Iowa, advertised in an Eastern Massachusetts paper for a wife. Among a swarm of answers which he received were two from two girls in this city, who replied just for the fun of the thing One of them represented herself as a young widow, and her lively account af herself and her circumstances was very largely fictitious, especially that which told (very incidentally, as if it was of no consequence) of the snug sum of money left her by the dear departed. She never expected to hear of the matter again, but that was the one letter out of all the advertiser received which struck his fancy. He wrote to the supposed "widow" (who, in fact, had never been married, and who was then earning her living with her needle); photographs were exchanged; the letters grew more and more affectionate, and the young woman, realizing that the affair was no longer a joke, wrote to her newfound admirer and told him frankly of her humble circumstances.

Of course he admired her all the more, and at last he came from Dubuque to this city to claim her for his bride. Instead of the sleek and intelligent-looking and manly individual whom she had expected from his letter and his photograph, what was her vexation to see a person of decidedly seedy appearance, wearing an old slouch hat and appearing altogether unattractive. Well, she refused him, and he, chiding her bitterly for so doing after all the pains he had taken to win her, returned alone to Iowa. I suppose he hadn't left the house before she was sorry-such is the flexible character of female affection-and it is certainly true that she was very sorry, indeed, before he had put a thousand miles between them. He wrote no more, but the distressed young woman wrote, or got friends to write, to the pastor of the church he attended and to various persons in Dubuque to find out what sort of man this was-something she ought to have thought of in the first place. The replies were uniformly complimentary, and every one only increased her regret that she, a poor sewing-girl, had refused a "good

match. Never a word came from him, and at last she swallowed her pride, reopened the correspondence herself. and told him how she had misjudged him and how sorry she was that | She makes her husband exchange she had. Promptly came a manly his boots for his slippers on the reply, from which she discovered door-step. No matter how low the that when he visited her here he thermometer or barometer, the poor had intentionally made himself as fellow must doff his boots on the unattractive as possible from a ro- porch. Is he wet? He must stay mantic notion that she ought to take on the stoop until he is done driphim for what he was, and not for ping. Consumption? What is that, what he wore. Of course they were | compared to a soiled carpet? The married, and the poor sewing-girl small boy, what a life he leads with has for her husband one of the lead- such a mother! Followed about ing citizens of Dubuque, and for her home one of the finest mansions in Dubuque. This true story ought to man is always cross-all of childhave a moral of the negative sort namely, that young girls are not to room or a beer saloon where he can infer from it that it is safe for them to answer matrimonial advertisements, for, where one case of this dislikes to entertain company. sort has, like this, a happy issue, there are ten which lead to unhappiness The parlor is kept dark and unused or something a good deal worse.

## London Fogs.

spread and spread till it covers a the winter months every house has mothers. a coal fire, some of them two, three or four, and there are numerous manufactories and public works with furnaces and tall chimneys, all of which less or more emit quantities of smoke. This smoke mingles with what fog there happens to be, and produces a curious mixture, that is now only beginning to be rightly understood. Like every other mist, the fog which rises and is of thralldom by oleaginous, we, for convenience, take the readiest word to express a condition that would involve some chemical explanations which need not be gone into. Every one will understand that the smoke from the coal fires somewhat unites inextricably with the particles of mist, and keeps the whole thing

hovering in a dense cloud over the

metropolis. Not only so; the din-

gy cloud darkens and pollutes the

air, fills the streets, and to a certain

extent the houses and lungs of the

inhabitants. On such occasions the

that dwellings and places of business have to be lit with gas as at night. As the London gas is more remarkable for its volume than its purity, it aids in deteriorating the atmosphere during fogs, already sufficiently tainted with the exhalaions of domestic sewage. At times it is as difficult to get a breath of fresh air as it is to procure a good drink of palatable water.

### Brain Farming.

Some people imagine that farming

requires but little outlay of brain power to make it successful. But as some one has truthfully said -"Brains make the best fertilizer a man can use." Take two men, one them with half the physical strength of the other, the weaker of the two will accomplish more than the other if he exceeds the latter in brain power. We have known large, stout, healthy men, who were hard workers, and yet always on a "stern chase" with their work; they were always in hot water, always poor, from the simple fact that their bodies were better than their brains. Such a man, if he is doing as simple work as picking up stones on a hillside, will get his stoneboat on the upper side of a large boulder, and then by stress of mind and muscle roll it on the drag, while the weaker, but wiser man, would place the boat on the lower side of the stone, unhitch his team, place the chain above it, and in a twinkling have it oaded, and save his own strength for some more important occasion. And so it goes to the end of the chapter with the man who does not think;" and this law applies to indoor as well as outdoor work. It men and women would take time to plan their work they would secure better results than to hurry and scurry about without thought or system. We honestly believe that if every farmer would have a study and library, like a "professional" man, with a few good agricultural papers, and spend an hour or two each day in reading and planning his work, he would secure better results than to spend twice that amount of active labor on the farm. is the time and the hour for labor-saving inventions in every direction, and no farmer can entirely ignore this increased knowledge, and compete with those who have their eyes and ears open .- Eastern Chronicle.

### Too Neat.

Men can seldom be accused of being over neat; but the over-neat woman is to be found everywhere. with a dust-pan and brush, and a scolding voice-the hyper-neat wohood's days, he early runs to a clubsee a little rubbish and find the luxury of dirt. The over-neat woman "Guests are so dirty, you know." from year to year. The carpets would fade and dust would gather. We once knew a woman who re-Fifty years ago, when we first be- fused to open her parlor door for came acquainted with them, Lon- wedding of her daughter. "The don fogs were bad enough; but they streets are too dusty," she said. It were on a comparatively limited is nothing to her that she makes scale. They have since attained other people uncomfortable. She marvelously grand dimensions and will have her way, whatever the intensity, according to the increase | consequences; and sometimes they of houses and population. What we are bitter enough. We have seen ordinarily call London, but is more the lives of good men embittered directly styled the metropolis, has we have seen boys driven to ruin and girls imbued with such hatred H. P. Bower, Searg. Maj. space of about 120 square miles. In slatterns by over-neat wives and

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