

vie with Mrs. Touchette in coldness towards her almost expiring, but ever affectionate husband, or such as can as justly lay claims to the plan for treachery' wickedness and deep-plotting, as Madame Merle. These women, I feel free to say would be but slightly, if at all, effected by the European atmosphere, and while, we know of such characters about us, we feel that they are the exceptions, and Americans therefore can but grow indignant over the author's imitation that they are a common feature. It is true the author has thrown about Isabel some lovely characters; as for example Lord Warburton and Mr. Touchette and son. But this is as it were to show how little of the good the young mind longs for and how ravenously it springs upon the bad. Lord Warburton, the typical English nobleman, she ever wishes well; but under the influence of her preceptress and Madame Merle, she is only made miserable in the midst of his attentions by numerous annoyances: for Ralph loves her, and his father is desirous of their marrying, But the young man has ideas of his own to which he wins his father, thus leaving to the heroine a snug fortune hoping some day to reap the fruit of this benevolence. But here comes in again the author's own soullessness.

From the death of Isabel's dear, affectionate uncle, whom she tenderly nursed, she remains no longer in the better atmosphere of England, but is transported to Italy, still in the society of her aunt, and arriving there submitted not a little to the direction of Madame Merle. Here she meets with the friends of the latter lady and is afterwards through her, married to Gilbert Osmond, whose relations with the attractive and gifted Madame Merle, of chequered and uncertain past, have been such as to forbid explanation here.

Gilbert, an American aesthete, is only too agreeable to Isabel while wooing her, but soon after the nuptial vows are spoken, becomes austere and suspicious. This grates on poor Isabel's sensitive nature until she is driven to extremes, and learning the history of the past is thrown into despair. This may be a true picture of European or of Italian life, but when we reflect that the typical young woman of America is thus tormented and sacrificed, our indignation is unlimited. 'Tis only too evident that the author sneers at the American strength of character and dotes upon its absence in the European.—The commotion excited by the arrival, stay and departure of Eugenia, and the whole history of Isabel need only be cited to substantiate our statement. This linked with the author's brutal and cold blooded manner of developing a plot (if plot he has) and his power of happily delineating only the rougher, less amiable characters, is sufficient to condemn the whole work of Mr. James before the eyes of the American public.

The question may well be raised, why not bring into strong relief the finer, nobler, more enviable characters? That the worse exist we do not deny, but that it is desirable to parade them so boldly before our eyes we question. Evils are not overcome by making them agreeable and attractive.—It would be like quelling a French Revolution by spreading broadcast the literature of a Voltaire or a Rousseau.—We do not say that the object of Henry James was to overcome this evil; but we do not deem it expedient to sacrifice this better purpose for the sake of faithfully portraying things as they are.

### Campus Canards.

- Foot ball is now the cry.  
 Lets organize a gymnasium.  
 A kind welcome to all students.  
 Why cannot we have a bowling alley?  
 Latest styles in hats at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 Cadet suits and caps at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 Celluloid collars and cuffs at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 Special bargains for students at T. Ewing & Co.  
 Elegant Patterns in Neckwear at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 See the advertisement of St. Claire Hall, on 1st. page.  
 Buy your boots and shoes of O. W. Webster, O st Academy of Music.  
 Large assortment of collars, cuffs and neckwear at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 Can't the Regents provide for us an asphalt walk in the front of the building?  
 Best style, best goods, at lowest prices at T. Ewing & Co's Clothing Emporium.  
 The Faculty have caused chandeliers to be placed in all their respective rooms.  
 "Is this cold enough for you?" The man who wrote the above is no more. He is dead.  
 The Union bulletin board has been decorated considerably by Miss Davis of the studio.  
 All the newest styles and patterns of clothing and gent's furnishing goods at T. Ewing & Co's.  
 All students should subscribe for the STUDENT, and vote in the elections of this year's board.  
 It has been definitely discovered that the motto of the girls secret society is "Arma virumque cano."  
 A valuable addition to the library has been received in the shape of the new Harvard edition of Shakespeare.  
 Remember Students you can get fine work, and better inducements, in the "Fotograf" line, at Kelley & Co. 1026 O. St.  
 The chapel is going the way of all the girls; it's getting slated. And yet some of the divine sex are objecting to the system.  
 Room to rent, with use of Piano. Good chance for a couple wishing to study music. Boarding if desired. Apply at 1159 R. St.  
 They say that there is no danger of Chinese interfering with student labor. In the annals of U. S. history no Chinaman has ever canvassed for books.  
 An elementary class in singing has been organized in the University. As it is free, no student who loves music has any excuse for not attending.  
 One of the Sophs came in town with a pair of burn-sides fully equal to the best of "Our own University make." They have already disappeared.  
 Students it will pay you to examine the pictures made by Kelley & Co. before sitting elsewhere. Have you seen that daisy University Panel they give gratis?  
 The medical department does not open till Oct. 3rd. We understand the meds. intend organizing a new society. This would be a move in the right direction.