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## SUSCEPTIBLE.

'Tis true he's unstable, that once he loved Mabel  
 And very soon after sought May ;  
 That a *penchant* for Molly—you'll admit she was jolly,  
 Kept him constant—a week and a day !  
 Then a passion for Lillie, who was pretty but silly,  
 Just raged thro' his breast like a flame,  
 Till Katie and Eva, who sang like a *diva*,  
 In this order respectively came.  
 Then he worshipped sweet Annie, who gave place to Fannie,  
 The latter held sway quite a year ;  
 But a dear girl named Alice, without forethought or malice,  
 Stretched this dream of young love on its bier.  
 At the thought of poor Louie his eyes become dewy ;  
 He adored her with all his heart's strength ;  
 As he did Blanche and Kitty, they were all of them pretty,  
 And their reigns were of various length.  
 Then he used to adore a young Juno named Laura,  
 Till he met, and grew fond of Elaine.  
 Now, you would not suppose he would care much for Josie,  
 Yet, a captive he was in her train.  
 As to how many more he has loved, I am sure he  
 Himself is unable to state,  
 But I heard from his brother—a smile I'd to smother,  
 He's engaged to his first cousin Kate !

J. A. R.

It is not many months ago that a brilliant young Philadelphia physician of an investigating turn of mind made a very interesting experiment. He shut himself up in his room and, by means of a cleverly contrived apparatus, drew into his lungs at each inhalation a larger share of ozone than nature's commonplace air afforded. The result was astounding. At first his mental grasp was marvelously strengthened. He seemed to have eaten of the veritable tree of knowledge. Intricate problems and complex theories came down to the level of the multiplication table. And then lassitude, mental and physical, set in. The reactionary effects of opium were dwarfed in comparison, and he emerged from his den a grey-haired man, stunted in mind and enfeebled in body. It was a change as absolute as from ecstatic mania to the most deplorable melancholia.

Not of special value in the range of scientific study, the lesson of the experiment has more than one application. For instance, there enters into the training period of one's career an element with expanding powers in action and weakening powers in reaction that requires dilution. There is need, in fact, of the free natural air of general thought to mingle with the bookish ozone of college life. The latter is taken in by means of those also well-contrived arrangements—lectures, lecture-rooms, and text books ; and there is ever a chance of its being taken too "neat." Happily, the manufacture of Paul Dombey's is an industry which even N. P's are not designed to foster, yet the cultivation of exact thought by book-study, while the main value, involves also the main danger. Its influence should be kept in subjection ; under foot, as it were, to add to stature, and not pressing down from above to form a dwarf. All this savors of the platitude, and no doubt should properly be so classed. But, after all, a platitude really seems to be but the expression of a truth so closely under one's nose that the angle of sight is often not acute enough to get the bearings of it.

Assuming that a goodly amount of the ozone is taken into the system, the diluent is at hand in the social intercourse of College life ; in the confidences of a long "wall-v-talky" ; in the nightly gatherings around stove or hearth ; and those many-sided conversations ranging in theme from the proper coloring of a meerschaum to the unconven-