

### **ARE AMERICANS POETICAL?**

[1842]

THAT we are not a poetical people has ly, both at home and abroad, that the slander, through mere dint of repetition. has come to be received as truth. Yet nothing can be farther removed from it. of the old dogma, that the calculating England." In the present day faculties are at war with the ideal; while, in fact, it may be demonstrated that the two divisions of mental power are never to be found in perfection apart. The highest order of the imaginative intellect tion on this subject; but the improvement South America and its hidden wonders in Star. is always pre-eminently mathematical; is by no means sufficiently marked to history, geography, botany, and other and the converse.

The idiosyncrasy of our political posianimal man. But the Arena of exertion, us, has been regarded as the field of our deliberate choice. Our necessities have make verse. Because it suited us to con- The Spectator. struct an engine in the first instance, it has been denied that we could compose an epic in the second. Because we were not all Homers in the beginning, it has been somewhat too rashly taken for grant- The Life of Sir Clements B. Markham. K. ed that we shall be all Jeremy Benthams to the end.

But this is the purest insanity. The principles of the poetic sentiment lie deep within the immortal nature of man, and have little necessary reference to the worldly circumstances which surround him. The poet in Arcady is, in Kamschatka, the poet still. The self-same Saxon current animates the British and the American heart; nor can any social, or political, or moral, or physical conditions do more than momentarily repress the impulses which glow in our own bosoms as fervently as in those of our

progenitors. Those who have taken most careful than in the eagerness with which books professing to compile or select from the productions of our native bards, are received and appreciated by the public. Such books meet with success, at least with sale, at periods when the general market for literary wares is in a state of tagnation; and even the ill taste displayed in some of them has not sufficed to condemn.

EDGAR ALLAN POE. (Born January 19, 1809; died October 7

### HISTORY AS TAUGHT IN **AMERICA**

The American Revolution in Our School Text-Books. By Charles Altschul. New York: G. H. Doran Co. \$1 net.

t has often been said, and as often denied, that American public opinion has been rendered unfriendly to Great Britain by the influence of the historical the United States. These text-books, their critics have declared, misrepresent the attitude of the British people towards written, gives an excellent account of the the American Revolution, and obscure the mental and physical activities of Sir fact that, while the Court of George III Clements Markham throughout his long and the Tory Party were hostile to the life. It does not appear that he had any American Colonists, the Whigs sympa- special leaning towards the Navy as a thized most heartily with the cause led by profession, until one day when, a hand-Adams, Franklin, and Washington. The some, intelligent boy full of lively charm. Whig attitude of that day is reflected he happened to make the acquaintance of most faithfully in Sir George Trevelyan's a Lord of the Admiralty, Sir George Sevrecent history of the Revolution, which, mour, who promptly offered him a cadetby its unstinted praise of the Colonists ship, and proposed to take him to the Home Government, has surprised not a wood,' It was a chance of adventure, of few critical American historians. To help seeing the world, quite irresistible to a in determining this old controversy about young mind so eager for experience. The the school-books, Mr. Altschul has had life fulfilled his expectations and strengththe happy idea of examining the books ened his longing for travel and scientific made in these books to British politics in gained upon him ended in almost open by Chatham, Burke, and others on behalf officers were not allowed to show active ranged in five groups, according as (1) French protectorate in the island of ed the British people's attitude towards ing he was to report himself to the Adthe discontented Colonies. To-day twenty miral, when a time and place would be

out of the fifty-three most popular text- allotted to him for the purpose of indulg books may be assigned to the first two ing in this pernicious habit." Nobody classes, which acknowledge that Great dared to report himself, and the expedi-Britain was sharply divided over George ents to which the officers were thus driven III's policy of coercing America; but fif- were comic and various. teen text-books, of which eight are used In 1850 young Markham sailed for the in New York schools, still make no refer- Arctic regions on board the Assistance, ence to that division of British opinion, one of the ships sent out on the Governand thus imply that the British people as ment expedition in search of Sir John a whole were hostile to the Americans at Franklin. In spirit, and probably in years, the Revolution. Mr. Altschul's extracts he was "the youngest person in the exspeak for themselves, and his conclusions pedition." He was but twenty, yet it was been asserted so often and so round- are, we fear, incontrovertible. The old by his careful journals and studies at this anti-British text-books were not only more time that he acquired the scientific knownumerous, but were also more widely cir- ledge of the Arctic world of which in later culated, among the elementary schools of years he was to make such remarkable America, and "the public mind must use. At the same time, it does not seem The mistake is but a portion, or corallary, thereby have been prejudiced against that his Arctic studies were those nearest

> which give relatively complete informaprejudiced against England."

tion has stimulated into early action what- It must be remembered that the great expedition his spare time was spent in "Was anybody there?" "No. But that ever practical talent we possessed. Even majority of the people in America, as in studying the language of the Incas in a in our national infancy we evinced a de- Great Britain, learn what little history grammer accidentally picked up on board. gree of utilitarian ability which put to they know in the elementary school, so shame the mature skill of our forefathers. that the wrong impressions which they Markham left the Navy, and shortly after While yet in leading-strings we proved gain there are not corrected by later this was able to revisit Lima, and to ourselves adepts in all the arts and study. Thus an apparently harmless undertake the solitary and dangerous sciences which promote the comfort of the text-book of history, no less by its omis- wanderings in Peru which prepared him sions than by its misstatements, may bias in those young days for future adventures and of consequent distinction, in which a whole nation against another nation and discoveries of higher importance. our first and most obvious wants impelled lead to infinite misunderstanding. It Often kindly received by cock-fighting might almost be said that it has taken a Bishop or hospitable Cura, he was not world-war to dissipate the prejudice raised always welcomed as an explorer in the been mistaken for our propensities. Hav- up against us in the average American's more lonely parts of the country, and ening been forced to make rallroads, it has mind by the text-book account of the countered many dangers from hostile been deemed impossible that we should Revolution that he learned at school.— Indians and robber negroes. But these

### SIR CLEMENTS MARKHAM

C. B., F. R. S., &c. By Admiral Sir Albert H. Markham, K. C. B. London: John Murray. 15s. net.

THE biography of Sir Clements Mark ham is full of romance. His was one of those unusual characters whose extreme versatility is in itself romantic. His imagination and natural energy found their food and outlet in many more varied interests than appeal to the ordinary person, and his life from childhood to old age seems to belong to the youth of the world. He was as keen to the last in the questions that arose out of the Scott expedition, so earnestly promoted by him, its tragic end so depply mourned, as in the boyish days when Polar books, geography, and astronnote of our literature for the last ten or omy were among his favorite subjects. twelve years, will be most willing to ad. Another of his special tastes, that for hismit that we are a poetical people; and in no respect is the fact more plainly evinced ing a History of England, followed by histories of more than twenty other countries; and among his latest works appeared histories of the Incas of Peru and of the Conquest of New Granada, closely following on those Lives of Richard III and Edward VI which showed the independence of his historical judgements. At eighty-five he was still working on an immense collection of notes for a complete | Enrique Granados, the Spanish composer, history of the Polar Regions, to include 666,000 pesetas as indemnily for the loss everything that was known of what of their father. might be called 'the Ends of the Earth' from prehistoric times to the present day." lost in the sinking of the British cross-It is good to know that his labors will not channel steamer Sussex, in March, 1916. be thrown away, and that his great book, Herr von Jogow, the German Foreign edited by Dr. Guillemard, is to be publish- Minister, expressed regret for the death ed by the Cambridge University Press of the composer in April, 1916. In June But in spite of this, his biographer laments of that year a musical performance was the passing away with Sir Clements Mark- given in New York for the children of ham of "a prodigious accumulation of Senor Granados, who visited the United geographical knowledge . . . he was States late in 1915. undoubtedly the greatest living, authority on geographical science." Learned societies throughout Europe and America, especially the Royal Geographical Society. of which he was Vice-President, having text-books used in the public schools of worked for it during more than fifty years. bear out Admiral Markham's testimony.

This book, simply and straightforwardly and its unrelieved condemnation of the Pacific in his flagship, H. M. S. Collingthemselves. He has collected forty his- discovery in the regions of the Southern torical text-books which were used twenty seas; though on the other hand he seems years ago, and fifty-three which are now to have been impatient of discipline, and in use, and has reprinted the references the gradual rebellious restlessness which and before 1776, and to the efforts made discontent when he and his brotherof the Colonies. These extracts are ar- sympathy with the rebels against the they describe our political condition and Tahiti. These and other adventures durthe services of the Whigs to America, (2) ing the years spent on the Pacific station they describe our politics and mention make amusing reading; the more so besome Whig sympathizers, (3) they make cause the whole story throws much light no reference to British politics but at least on the manners and customs of the Navy mention some prominent Whigs, (4) they seventy years ago. For instance, the make no reference to British politics but Admiral in command objected strongly mention at least Chatham, or (5) they do and publicly to smoking, as "a deleterious not refer to British politics or to the and filthy habit that destroyed the inner Whigs. Twenty years ago only eight out coating of the stomach and rendered the of the forty text-books in use could be smoker unfit for social purposes." He placed in the first two classes, while four- hoped that his officers would not "practise teen were in the last class, which ignored this dirty and disgusting vice. If any the Whigs, and thus wholly misrepresent- officer was unable to exist without smok-

his heart. Even then his thoughts and "The children now studying American plans for the future were chiefly concern-History in the Public Schools have a far greater number of text-books available dreamed of in the earliest days of his man sometimes gets credit for changing the public street of the public street o History in the Public Schools have a far ed with the exploration of Peru, first service in the Pacific. All his life it was prevent continued growth of unfounded sciences which attracted Markman most strongly and constantly. On this very On his return to England Clements

risks and difficulties were slight compared with what he went through a few years later, when he returned with his young wife to South America on an important mission from the India Office to collect cinchona plants and seeds, and to arrange for their conveyance to India and cultivation there. By his untiring and fearless exertions in this affair, which meant the overcoming of powerful local opposition as well as much personal risk in conveying the plants safely to the coast, Markham was the means of providing the world in general with that blessing to fever-stricken countries, a plentiful supply of quinine.

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speech when Congress convenes?,' answered Senator Sorghum; "not unless a new topic develops. I think I have of-fered or listened to every possible observation on every conceivable subject available up this time,"-Washington Star.

to shift his line of talk."-Washington "Did that efficiency sharp address your club the other night?" "No. He prepar

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"Are you getting ready to make a big

"A wise man may change his mind."

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