It is the inevitable fate of the ours man to be the butt of good dvice, Middle-aged and "successful" persons, on the assumption that their bwn careers have been such as to own careers have been guen as to atisfy every logitimate ambition pounce upon him in an anniable manand proceed to pour forth the ber and process to pour forch the vais or method of encouraging a young is to select that quality in which he is most conspicuously ceient, and declare it to be the one thing indispensable for a prosperous thing indisperently by early rising or total abstinence, or never jutting of till to-morrow what can be done odey, or saving the shillings that might have been spent in tobacco and cab-fares, until by that rapid conomic process familiar to all inbructors of youth, they grow into rast sums invested in Consols. Or pome other equally prosaic and the attractive habit, that these signs though daring speculations, or disyoung man muy perhaps he secretly sceptical, and opine that fortune has tepinai, and to follow on astute through daring speculations, or tismet matrimonial alliances, transactions "out of office which it would not be good taste to mention, or even from that which we are more profile to nitribute to others than to ourselves, pure luck. But this is the inexperience of south; it was no doubt, the eschew-

ing of intexicating liquors, and not the promotion of motorite companthat raised Mr. A. to his present position of affluence; and no doubt the habit of getting up at five and not the mere fact of marrying the daughter of a moribund millionsire, was the primary cause of Mr. R's prodigious wealt'i. We must allow every man the privilege of uxlaining his dwn success, and grateful to him for his disinterestedess in divulging the secret; we mast not freeze the genial current, of his. goul by an ill-timed expresion of that cynicism which is the pretogntive of one-and-tweaty.

But there is a quality which has sometimes a not inconsiderable share alue is apt to be disregarded, and this is the quality of conceit. It is hard to find people that have openly praised conceit; we are trained to think it altogether undesirable and enjay; it is an offence to commonplace and respectable othics. By any other name, indeed, it smells much sweeter. Call it confidence, and its practical utility will be allowed; but conceit is looked at with disfavor, and we are instructed to assume an engaging ignorance of any merits that we may possess. Schepenhauer, indeed, with that pleasing irreverence for convention which makes him the most delightful of pessimists. asserts that it is as ridiculous to pretend to be maconscious of one's good qualities as for a man to affect not to know that he is six feet high; and he quotes the dictum of Leszczn ski that modesty should be the virtue of those who have no other. This is the chief thing that can be said I've for modesty; it needs no stock-in-trade; it is a mere negation of qualities; and on the whole does not pay. The world, with a mutural and even a praiseworthy desire to save itself trouble, loves to get its opinions ready-made and to take us at our own valuation. We must take advantage of this excellent tendency, and try to made others see us as we see ourselves; and as preliminary to this, must see ourselves in as favorable a light as possible. This may require something of a struggle. Those who by the near relationship, or otherwise are qualified to speak to us for our soul's health and the proper correction of our manners and excesses delight in the process known as "taking down a peg." We must suffer this with resignation; and every time that we are broken down one peg put ourselves up two. By this means we rapidly provide ourselves with a sturdy bulwark of conceit. It is well, no doubt, that this conceit should have a certain ani-

ount of foundation; there should be

one or two good qualities behind, to

be kept in reserve. These are not, in-

deed, essential for a really, brilliant

not altogether satisfactory; it may

last permanence. There are joys in

waking up one morning and finding

oneself famous, but there is always

the chance of waking up two or three

forgotten. Cenceit is a kind of bush

to draw attention to the wine; but

oven a very good bush needs a cer-

tain amount of wine behind it. This

is a concession to the Philistine spir-

it which requires something more

than appearances.

It may not be a very pleasing occupation to blow one-s own trumpet; yet a vertain skill in performing upon this useful instrument is in the highest degree necessary. There are tome who ingeniously declare that they prefer it to be done by other people. No doubt it is highly dessirable to get other people to do our unpleasant work; we call this the division of labor, and Homote the tendency as much as possible. in this case it is out of the question; we must blow the trumpet ourselves. or its inspiriting notes will not be heard, A mutual arrangement, may, be made, but this arouses suspicion; when we hear one man blowing another's trumpet we suspect that he is gelting something for it: we do not believe that it is a gratuitous expenditure of wind; commonsense rebels against such a notion. We may succeed in persuading ourselves that our own conduct is sometimes disinterested, but we refuse to east such imputation upon others. The performance of a discreot solo upon one's own instrument is not open to these objections; the bona-fides is indubitable; self-interest is an undeni-

en to suit its taste. It is only practice that can make perfect in the art. The audience may indeed show not the slightest inclination to listen, be the charmer never so curning. In such a case there is comfort to be found in reslecting upon the declaration of a very great man, himself not deficient in self-esteem. time will come when you shall hear me"; and he found that the time did come. The tune by frequent iteration becomes familiar; echoes of it are found in unexpected place; and so the desired reputation is made. In course of time the trumpet-blower may cease from his labors; he has got what he wanted from the world; and he may proceed in turn to give for the guidance or the misguidance of others, his own more or less imaginative view upon the secret of success .- "The Globe."

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stuff still in us lies, But of the two your stuff wears best, my coat of Irish frieze.

Thou hrt rough, indeed, to look at; thou art plain like thy mas-

ter, too, Thy color's sadly faded, whilst his locks have changed their hue, tho' there's much about thy shape which some would driti-

cize. conducting to success, although its The fault lies in myself, not thee. my coat of Irish frieze.

> I smile when in thy close embrace, in comfort and at ease,

To think how they belie thee, friends who call the coat of "freeze," poor as Job, for scarce a com-

within my pocket lies, To "warm" a man I'm rich in thee, my coat of Irish frieze.

Thou'st had thy share of wear and tear, and so have I, in truth, For I've been cuffed, and collared too, and well strapt in my youth.

crushed and bruised and sat And upon, condemned in other's eyes.

And yet we're to the fore to-day, my cout of Irish frieze.

journeyed over many lands and many a boisterous sea,

thee roughly, yet, old used friend, thou'st taken care of me; worn thee out in many a clime neath dark and lowering skies, But now methinks thou'lt wear me out, my coat of Irish frieze.

They brought me quite a swagger coat, 'tis fresh and fair to

I can't be off with the old love, I'll not be on with the new, Too old I am to open now my arms to other ties,

Bound to a faithful heat t art thou, my coat of Irish frieze.

Then will I press thee to the breast thou hast shielded with thine own.

staunchest friend, the truest, best that I thro 'life have known,

And arm in arm we'll weather the storms that may arise, We'll reach the goal together, my coat of Irish frieze.

And when it comes, as come it must, to each one and to all, day, when death will trip me up and triumph in my fall, career, but then a brilliant career is Till then retain at least one friend

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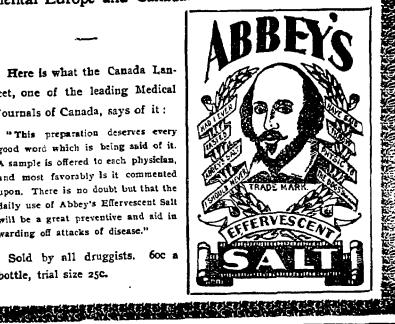
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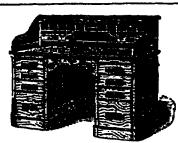
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