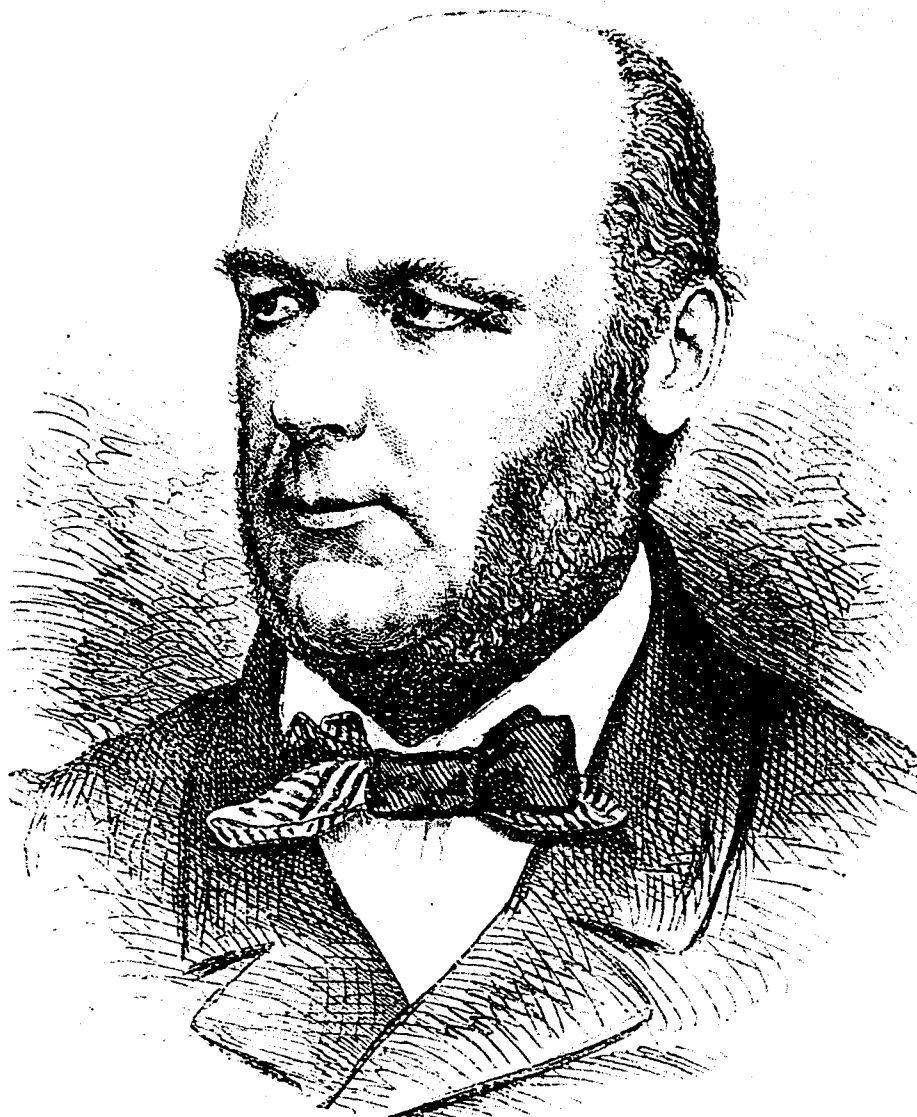


VARIETIES.

PAINTER AND PRINCESS.—The painter, D. G. Rossetti, whose studio is near Mr. Whistler's, prints a card in the *Athenaeum* denying that he refused to see the Princess Louise when she called on him. He states that something was said about calling on him by her Royal Highness to one of his friends, but that she did not come, and adds, "Had she called she would not, I trust, have found me wanting in that 'generous loyalty' which is due not more to her exalted position than to her well-known charm of character and artistic gifts. It is true enough that I do not run after great people on account of their mere social position, but I am, I hope, never rude to them; and the man who could rebuff the Princess Louise must be a curmudgeon indeed."

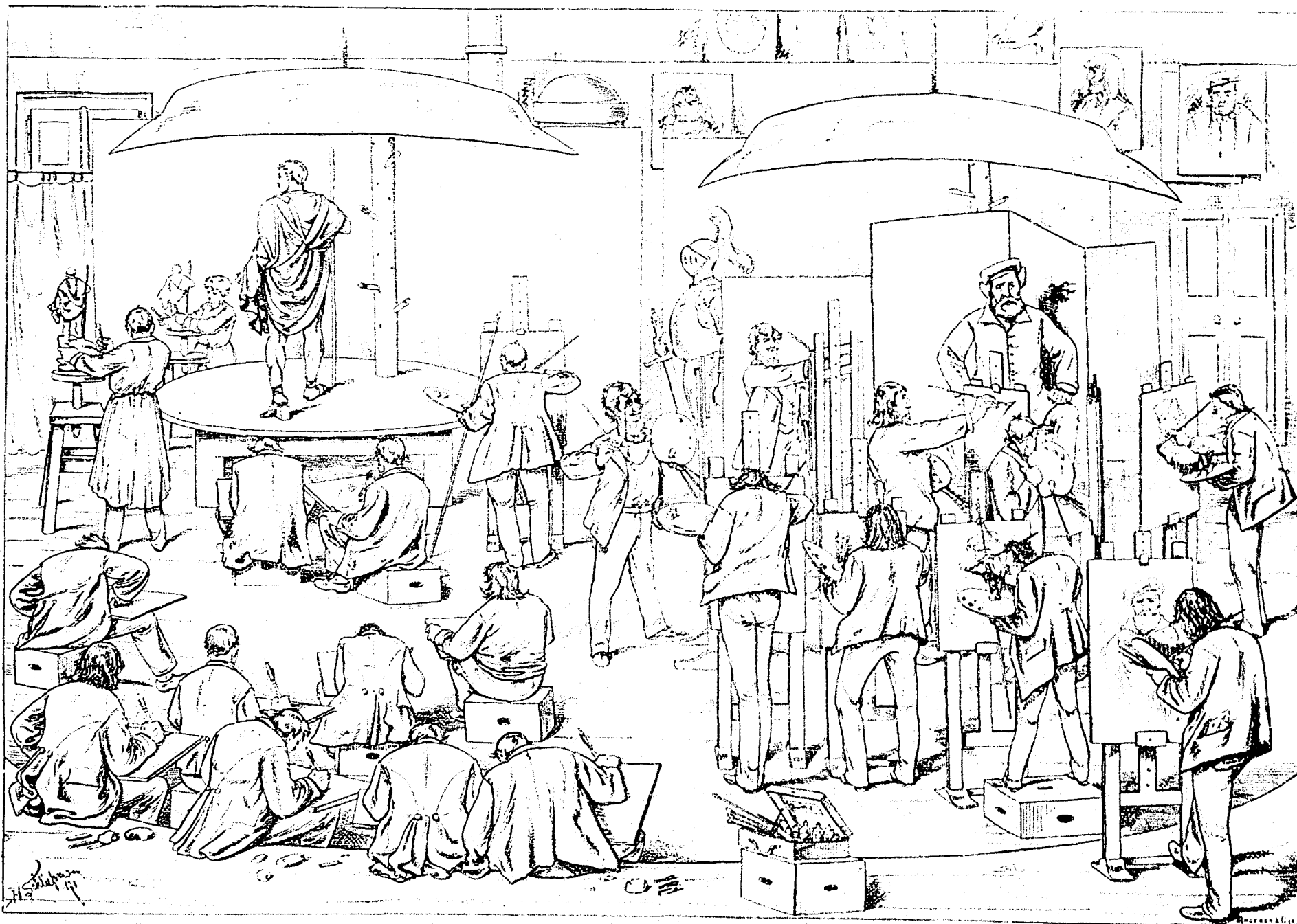
WHAT IS THE BEDROOM?—If two persons are to occupy a bed-room during a night, let them step upon weighing-scales as they retire, and then again in the morning, and they will find their actual weight is at least a pound less in the morning. Frequently there will be a loss of two or more pounds, and the average loss throughout the year will be more than one pound. That is, during the night there is a loss of a pound of matter which has gone off from their bodies, partly from the lungs, and partly through the pores of the skin. The escaped material is carbonic acid, and decayed animal matter, or poisonous exhalations. This is diffused through the air in part, and in part absorbed by the bed-clothes. If a single ounce of wool or cotton be burned in a room, it will so completely saturate the room with smoke that one can hardly breathe, though there can only be an ounce of foreign matter in the air. If an ounce of cotton be burned every half-hour during the night, the air will be kept continually saturated with smoke unless there be an open door or window for it to escape. Now the sixteen ounces of smoke thus formed is far less poisonous than the sixteen ounces of exhalation from the lungs and bodies of the two persons who have lost a pound in weight during the eight hours of sleeping, for while the dry smoke is mainly taken into the lungs, the damp odors from the body are absorbed into the lungs and into the pores of the whole body. Need more be said to show the importance of



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having bed-rooms well ventilated, and thoroughly airing the sheets, coverlets, and mattresses in the morning, before packing them up in the form of a neatly-made bed."

THE YOUNG MEN.—One of the most serious hindrances to the return of better times is the vast number of young men who are adrift in the large cities, who can get nothing to do simply because they can do nothing that anybody wants done. We are too much inclined to attribute the industrial troubles under which we suffer to some occult and mysterious cause. Just as our forefathers, when famine and pestilence came upon them, were wont to talk of mysterious dispensations of Providence and judgments for sin and transgression, when all the time the simple and natural laws of health were being violated, so to-day we talk learnedly as to supply and demand and the workings of political economy, forgetting all the while that the causes of financial depression may be found nearer home and that we ourselves are responsible for the many evils for which we lament. It is almost an anomalous condition of things that in a country, where all men are supposed to be born free and equal, where titles are ignored and the worth and dignity of labour are abstractedly recognized, there should have been developed an aristocratic spirit which looks down upon hard and honest work, and conceives it to be a degradation to toil in the factory or the workshop. In the early history of our country this feeling was never cherished. The farmer's son did not think he was compromising himself in any way by hiring out to a neighbouring farmer. He was looked upon as an equal, not a dependent. He sat at the same table as his employers, was considered one of the family, and, in fact, sometimes became a member by his marriage with one of the daughters. Young men whose parents were in comfortable circumstances did not think it debasing to ship before the mast or to work at the forge or the bench, and there was no higher praise which could then be bestowed upon a man than that he was a skilled and efficient workman. But in place of those simple and old-fashioned principles, there has sprung up a new class of ideas. Much as we may boast of the excellence of our system of education, it is questionable if it has not been productive of this dislike for manual labour.



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