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W. Smalley cables The New York Tri-efrom London: "I regret, and I shall never cease to regret, that Mr. Matthew Arnold's last article should have been a harsh Arnold's last article should have been a harsh criticism on America, and that the last thing which I said about him and which he read should have been a harsh answer to it. I thought him unfair to my own country. He thought me, or so says one of this marning's papers, unfair to him. Perhaps we were both right. But this collision did not shake our

friendship. I have a letter from him written but two days before his death, convinced as ever, but kindly as ever."

Mr. Smalley's answer referred to above was as follows:

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better deserves America's attention than the raticle by Matthew Arnold in the April Nineteenth Century on "Civilicative sinety United States." Only less tween explaining to a Biramphan sudience, and virtuality of the tween England and Almerica, and how deep are their mutual reyard and respect. Now comes the man, not less eminent in the own ophere than either 6 shows twee adversariation of the control of the tween the man, not less eminent in the own ophere than either 6 shows twee adversariation in more ways than one. It is at least remarkable im more ways than one. It is at least remarkable im more ways than one. It is at least remarkable that a great England writh the first of the control of the cont

vail. Even the landscape did not delight him, nor the climate, which he pronounces harsh. Between the climate of New Hampshire and the climate of Florida he detected no distinction. Nor is there are any beauty in she cities. The one American architect of genius, Mr. Richardson, who might have beautified them, had to work under injurious conditions. Of the really beautiful in the other arts and in literature. I quote tartically—very little has been produced there as yet. The many names of the towns annoy him.

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yes. The many names of the towns annoy him.

As for distinction and elevation, we have it not. We have had able men, Mr. Lincoln for one. But Mr. Lincoln had not distinction. The glerification of the average must is our religion. The newspapers are our damnation; the absence of truth and soberness in them, the poverty in serious interests, the personality and the sensation mongering are beyond belief. Their news is news for the servants hall. Here we approach the true course of Mr. Anolds wose and spirits against as Never would I, for one, have sought for or believed in a low motive for all this labored disparagement of America. But Mr. Arnold himself supplies it. He prints with comical solemnity paragraph after paragraph of his personal experiences. A Bosson paper made him too old, a Chicago paper described his features as harab, his manner as supercitious and his clothes as ill fitting. A New York paper published a factious criticism of Chicago attributed to him, and Mr. Medill refused to believe him and pronounced him cour. These specimens, concludes our late guest, will give a clear enough notion of what the newspapers ever there are.

American literature is little or no better than American mewspapers. He complains that we read American books: "Far from admitting that in literature they have as yet produced little that is important, they play at treating. American hierature as if it were a great, independent power. For every English writer they have an American writer to match, and him good American writer with respect, nor make an exception to the sweep of this contemptions obdemnation. Whatever relates to culture sources the occasion of a speer. Breen our American accent, so offensive to the cockney ser, we omitted to applogize for. We have no modesty, no consciousness of our inferior-lives. All is talk and self-plorification. We have the incredible audacity to believe in ourselves and our country. There is no relivated, judicious and delightful individuals. courselves and our country. There is note but to this mood from any American cource and no sane criticism upon this madeess of conceit. There are plenty of cultivated, judicious and delightful individuals. In much he graciously concedes. But he seems to consider them all cowards. They know, says Mr. Arnold, perfectly well how false and hollow the boastful stuff taked is, but they let the storm of self-laudation rage and say nothing. Even in private, adds he many of the most cultivated Americans shrink from the subject, and are irritable and thin-skinned when canvassed. What an amazing people we are. We seem not to have liked being told, even by Mr. Arnold is his Olympian way, that we are a nation of ignoble benggrates, living, as he now says, in a fool's paradise.

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We know something, it appears, about politics and society. In what concerns, the solving of the political, and social problems, we see clear and think straight. It what concerns the highest civilization, we are blind and stupid. Is that a credible account, I don't say of America, but of any people who aver existed? I end as I began. This claborate lampoon one America comes from too high a quarter to be neglected or to be met with ridicule only. Sir Lepell Griffin was nothing, his book nothing. No America cares for his calumnies. Mr. Arnold is among the first, if not actually the first, of all living Englishmen of letters. His paper appears in the leading review of the day.

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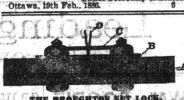
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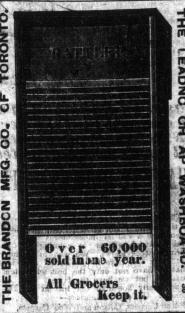
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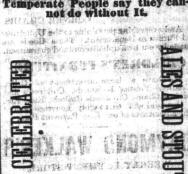
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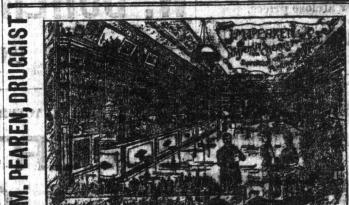
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