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The man, says the *Liberal Review,* who bullies people, has the universal world on the ground—that he is a plain John Bull, and the next moment to show that he means what he says, pulls out a piece of some perfectly harmless and good, perhaps, but very personal insulting remark, is now seldom to be met with except in certain agricultural districts where the march of modern civilization has not extended, and among people of a generation not much younger than the middle-class scale. His place however, is being taken in general society by a being of an equally objectionable stamp. This being is half buffoon and half bully. Whoever he may be he is unhappy unless he is drawing notice to himself, and he endeavours to do this in a variety of objectionable ways. He is not content with playing the part of a clown who has most obviously forgotten all his jokes, and has to supply their place with nonsense and dreary "chaff" of his own concoction, and with indulging in clumsy antics which would disgrace a well-trained bear, but unmeaning and silly practical jokes upon every one with whom he is brought in contact. You may be engaged in the dim greenhouse plants, you will question, and he will burst in upon your discussion as if he were an avalanche, but double over, and bawl, and rave until he remains master of the situation, and allowed to have the field to himself. Where he is, Anything which appeals to the finer feelings of humanity he ruthlessly rushes at, and even as the wisest and most practical are often at his mercy, and the influence of the ravings of a fool, the result is that he is often successful in putting an end to conversation which has any heart or soul in it. This misfortune is that he is not always discouraged as he ought to be. Indeed, in many instances he receives encouragement to continue in his idiotic course. He thinks forsooth, he is a "jolly good fellow," and he is not the only one who, if he would own the truth, is in a state of intense disgust, and "I believe that I am sorry you are so stupid," will cry another, who is ready to bite his fingers' ends with vexation, yet feels that, though he himself is in anything but a celestial frame of mind, he may as well appear amiable and say something pleasant. Thus the cockcoit of the polite bully is pandered to, and he is rendered far more objectionable than he might otherwise be. It is quite possible that he imagines that he is really an interesting fellow, and that his presence adds life to any party. At the same time though he may imagine that he is funny, and though he is continually making efforts to entertain his humbler fellow-mortals, he strongly objects to rivalry, and when he meets with a kindred spirit everything but peace and harmony prevail. Indeed, such a pair will, in a given sphere, not long continue to say more insulting things to each other than any other mortals, not more at each other's throats, or shower more contempt of politeness and in words of the most cutting character. One polite bully always fails to see the jokes of another polite bully, and it will be strange indeed if a couple of them do not succeed in rendering their lives uneasy least they should quarrel in an outrageous manner.

The polite bully is something more than a would-be joker and immensely funny man. In nine cases out of ten he is an impertinent meddler. Invite him to your house, and he will show you how this, that, and the other are wrong, and might very well be a great deal better. You may object to this interference, and may show him so. But he is suspected by anything that you may do in this respect, unless you forget yourselves far as to show him the door and tell him that you feel constrained to deny yourself the honor of his further acquaintance. Attempts to argue him into the belief that your way of doing things is, after all, the right way, and he will shout at you as if you were deaf, and as if you were the only one who interfere; and he will stick to his view of the case with a pertinacity which would be simply admirable if it were not so very laughable. Then he snaps at up wherever you make a slip, and is constantly hewing jokes of which you are the victim. If you are a marriageable man, and hold an animated conversation with a lady, he will delight certain conclusions from the fact, and at the top of his voice go about proclaiming them. Where a speech upon any subject is made and will keep a calling fire of running criticism in a very audible tone. Be attending to your own business and he will invade your sanctum, and keep you from your labour while he explains how you are throwing away the finest chance that man has ever had, and how you might, if you would only take a sensible being instead of a fool, make a fortune in something less than no time, whereas you are now grubbing along in a fashion which would be degrading to a man of spirit. Be bent upon sober discourse and he will say your remarks with speeches which would be pointed if they came up to his intentions, and you will find that he is invariably ready to speak of anything that you have said, done, or written in a chaffing way. The sarcasm of which is unfortunately less apparent than its insolence. Sit with him at a dinner table, and you will discover that he is prone to the only one who can make itself heard for any length of time. Yet it must not be imagined that he is a "full" man. Indeed, he is a living proof of the fact that even the "emptiest" men may find a great deal to talk about if they will only say whatever first comes into their head whenever absurd the same may be.

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LONDON, April 3.—Mr. Cave in his report on Egyptian finances says:—"At the audience in which I took leave of the Khedive, his Highness acquainted me with an error he recently discovered in his calculations affecting the land tax, whereby the revenue at the end of ten years would be more seriously diminished than he anticipated. So in 1886 the Egyptian treasury would lose £2,500,000. The report shows that Egypt has suffered much from the extravagance and wastefulness of officials. The Khedive's Government, with the intention of raising enough capital to pay the floating debt, made a law assuming landowners to commute the land tax on terms which entail a sacrifice of half the revenue from this source for all time for the sake of obtaining eleven times the annual amount for a period of twelve years. The result is disastrous. The sum raised only suffices to pay the interest on the floating debt. The Egyptian revenue, which now produces about $53,445,320, will, after 1885, by the operation of the above law, lose the annual sum of $12,225,000. The normal expenditure is about $53,403,405, some-half of which is devoted to the service of the debt. Every available portion of the revenue is pledged as security for loans. The present proposal arises from the Khedive's inability to meet the heavy call of the floating debt, which are continually falling due, and are estimated by no amount at least to $21,215,360. The report recommends the consolidation of the existing debt by the issue of a new loan at a moderate interest, and the appointment of a person who will inspire confidence at the head of the Board of Control to supervise the collection of taxes. If the proposal is adopted by one at a moderate rate of interest, there is no reason why the country should not quickly recover. Mr. Cave says it would appear from his calculations, that the resources of Egypt are sufficient, if properly managed, to meet her liabilities.

HINTS FOR A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.—Yesterday afternoon a young man much given to the use of slang of the day called on the Prosecuting Attorney and announced that he wanted a warrant for the arrest of a saloon keeper who had assaulted him, and this is the way he made his wants known:—"Look a here; I want a warrant for a feller!" "What did he do to you?" asked the attorney. "He fired me out." "Fired you out? What do you mean, by that?" "Oh! he stood me on my head." "Do you mean to say that he stood you on your head; how did he do it?" "He didn't exactly do that, but he elevated me. Kinder raised me and did me off my ear." "What did he do to you for?" "Why, I asked him for a drink, and when I told him to chalk it in his hand, and that when I came around again I'd kick it out, he told me to pull down my vest. I told him to comb his hair, and he just then boosted me." He obtained a warrant for assault and battery.—*San Francisco Call.*

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tension, throughout the portion of the road generally favourable, with the except Port Hope, which would probably be a little dearer, and which would probably be a little dearer, and he had no right to complain that the Government had not given the Harbour Commissioners of Port Hope the same advantage as other ports