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## Some Weak Spots in Modern Education

**N**EVER perhaps in the history of the world—the Age of Pericles excepted—has the influence of culture been so paramount. The age of money-worship is manifestly on the decline. People feel that no matter how great the utility of “filthy lucre” may be to procure the comfort of life, there are things—and they are the only things worth while—far beyond its reach.

Lavish expenditure has ceased to be in good taste, and one has only to enter the severely furnished houses of the better class, the world over, to realize that, shorn of cruder aspirations, there is a period when every individual, every nation, turns instinctively to “plain living and high thinking.”

Europeans have been wont to sneer at the uncouthness and love of display that characterized “Young America,” but if the “nouveau-riche” is still much in the public eye, through the medium of sensation-loving newspapers, his influence on the social and political life of the country has grown to be a negative quantity. Right thinking people are ashamed, rather than proud, of the colossal fortunes heaped up by the Rockefellers, the Carnegies and the Russell Sages across the border. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Woodrow Wilson, and Robert Laird Borden are types of men who have risen by the only ladder worth scaling: brains, integrity