

Miscellaneous.

Cleverness.

Cleverness born of pride and conceit, content with a smattering and in parting its inborn graces and subtle gifts, is a pre-eminence feature of the intellectual life of our own decade. Thoroughness is as useless to the pleasure hunter who hopes to grace his position with talents which pass for cleverness and wit, as a knowledge of literature and Greek. It is well known that in politics the good worker, who is in expeditious and has hosts of friends and "heelers" and a comfortable bank account, can command the popular vote. So in the sphere of ethics and religion, the clever man draws the crowd. Cleverness is the god of the nineteenth century, and particularly the latter half of it. The popular poet is a pagan baptized at the fount of nature worshipping at the shrine of beauty and wearing garlands of song to deck some heathen god which spiritualists in the islands of the sea generally call the genius straining for effect at a sacrifice of the legitimate means which accomplish the most enduring results, art made the vehicle of an artist's whims instead of a means of interpreting nature and the spiritual forces which imperceptibly nature to man draws the crowd. Cleverness is a fine coat, whose faintest whisper is an epigram, and whose lightest word an oracle, and could not exist without an audience. It sounds its own praises when its audience is small, and its company is sought on a holiday almost on all occasions. It loves mischief and sensation, professes a contempt for the pedantic sciences, spurns logic, swells like a puff ball with a sense of its own perfection, and frequently runs into vice. We live in the cleverest person. We profess a sincerity to cleverness. The first thought that piques our interest in a man of superior talents, is he sincere? If selfish at heart, and his highest aim is to shine and amuse, then his wit and accomplishments are like the faded beauty of the plexion with cosmetics, and could only be persuaded to show her features at candle light.

The danger of cleverness is in proportion to the inward disposition of the mind to turn its ideas into wit. As a rule, men of spirit are unsettled in purpose, and are not likely to be strong convictions. If they follow a serious bent it produces fatigue and languor. Hard study is a punishment self-inflicted by the hermit in the cell, and has no charms to clever men in the world. They subsist on scraps and crumbs that fall from the banquet table, and are content with the chaff, by every vagrant breeze. They prefer to skim the surface of things rather than probe to the centre. The levity of opinion that prevails and the love of display are born of cleverness. There is already too much of it. It runs in the streets and looks out every door, from the nursery to the pulpit. Especially among children its blighting effects are seen. It makes them self-opinionated and vain, relaxes their mental grasp, and ripens them out of season. Once let a child read in secret signs of approval that he is clever, and he has entered on the first stages of mental decline, and has lost the bloom of youth.

Advice to Young Husbands.

The Rev. C. C. Goss, during a lecture in New York on the "Honey-moon, and How to Perpetuate it," said: "Look out for your habits, young man. Don't get into the habit of neglecting the little courtesies of life in your home. Just see the young men in a hotel, horse-car or on the edge of the street, and when a pretty young woman enters the car they watch for the first chance to put her face in the box. Why don't you watch just as eagerly to wait on your wife? Again, my young husband, you and your wife must co-treat as intimate companions. Distrust of each other is the bane of human society everywhere. Of course, you and your wife ought to hold different opinions. I was forty years old before I married my wife and I knew a thing or two before I was married. When you were married you did not empty out your brains and become foolish. When she comes to vote I want her to vote on the side opposite to me because if she votes just as I do what's the use of her voting? She might have just as well voted through me as we do wives to fight and bite and claw each other, and pull each other hair and all about a little thing that they would be ashamed of if they hadn't got heated. Cultivate the habit of cooling down. Finally be honest and upright with your wife. You should be honest and upright to be honest in courtship, but if you have had an outside for your girl to look at, and you have all the time kept a bit and bridle on your passions only to be a brute after marriage, then you have deceived her. Be as innocent to your wife as though she was a little baby. You wouldn't hurt a little baby. Stand up for your wife—any one says anything against her, knock him down. Well, I'll take that back—you can knock him down in your own estimation.

LITTLE SECRETS.—Life is made up of trifles. Its details are the sum total and regulators of human existence. Yet men and women persist in making themselves miserable by neglecting these details. How often does one hear of what are known as "little spots." These do more mischief, wreck more homes and lead up to more divorces than graver offences. Indeed, the letter is always preceded by "little spots," between man and wife. They are drops that wear away the corner stones of happiness, and should be avoided as much as possible. The little things which take care of the little things will take care of themselves; is true.

Boston is losing all of her distinguished men, and there are now none coming up to take their place.

Agricultural.

Honest and Dishonest Tree Agents.

Everybody knows something about the tree peddler. The newspapers are full of his exploits, and he is generally represented as a perfect swindler. In fact, many of them are as bad as they are represented. Having formerly been a nurseryman for many years, I have dealt largely with this class of people and think I can give some explanations that will throw needed light upon the subject. It is very common for newspaper writers to advise their readers not to buy trees of these agents, but to deal directly with the nurseryman. But this is not the best way. The best way to get his trees direct from the nurseryman, unless the amount be limited to less than one-hundredth part of the quantity now required. And here let me explain how the nurseryman sells his trees. Most nurserymen pay no attention to the real truth. They sell their trees in thousands if sold at retail in the large nurseries, and the amount is so small comparatively that it is considered only a nuisance, while both in the fall and spring the time is too short to handle this stock at wholesale. It is true that some of the large nurseries have a retail department, but a large majority do not, and if they did they could not handle and retail the hundredth part of the trees they raise. In some establishments they hire men on salary to sell their trees, but comparatively few are sold in this way. The greater part are sold directly to a class of men who sell them before they buy them. They get the catalogues of some firm, and travel through the country taking orders for trees, representing themselves as the agents of that firm. When the planting season arrives they usually go to the firm and buy the trees they have ordered for. Here we observe the difference in these men. In every nursery there is a great choice in the trees. The second is obtained by beginning on a row and taking all the good trees, and leaving all the bad to come up to the standard as represented in their sales. Lastly comes the culls. Trees selected according to the first plan will always bring a high price. The second class, being all good trees, will also sell at wholesale prices while the third class, at wholesale prices will bring but a few cents. It is common for the agents to take orders for first class trees, and fill the order with these culls. Now when these orders are filled with good trees we of course hear nothing about it; but when they are filled with culls, the report goes direct to the paper. In certain localities we find that the same man who has been selling to the same people for twenty five years, and every year his sales increase. I could give many instances of this kind. Such a man always makes friends and is greeted with a welcome wherever he goes. He will do a great business in the community. But the man who fills his orders with culls never expects to go more than once to the same place. Now the honest and dishonest dealer in most cases sell at the same price. The one gets his stock for a trifle, while the other pays a good price. Hence the honest dealer makes the larger percentage, and thinks himself "smart." But aside from the morality of the thing, this is the most shortsighted policy in the world. Every year he must drum up a new set of customers, while the honest dealer secures his customers for life.

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