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sheet. We know that some, in whom limited improvement and pleasure ; it to our certain knowledge the bump of self-was designed as a means of improveesteem is very largely developed, have ment to our fellow-youths as well as to declared with a sneer of contempt and ourselves, not so much from the perusal vaunting tone that they could write such of its contents, as from the exercise of a paper every day. We have no doubt their powers of composition. Many per-We are proudly conscious that we sons read without any real improvement ; of it. have actually in our midst some luminous the thinking faculties of the mind may geniuses who diffuse the brilliant and be perfectly dormant, and the attention dazzling rays of their understandings or curiosity only awakened while we are around, which partially dispel the dark occupied in reading; the memory may and impenetrable clouds of ignorance infremain all that has been read, but such which we poor benighted creatures are information is next to useless, unless it enveloped. We bow in all admiration be digested and rendered your own by and humility to those mighty spirits, con- an intermixture of your own thoughts. scious of our own inconceivable inferiori-land by your own modifications and imty. Our bosom swells with pride at be-provements. But in composing, all the ing able, in all humility and deference to active faculties of the mind are necessacall them fellow-citizens. Shall not our rily brought into full play ; it teaches to honest heart expand with a thousand reason for oneself; to draw upon our grateful emotions, at it being asked of uslown observation and experience, and " what ! are you acquainted with Mr. above all to arrange our thoughts in per-W-, &c.?" Deservedly would the thun-fect order and sequence, and to trace out ders of a noble and righteous indignation a subject in all its relations and conseburst with extinguisling sweep over our quences from its source to its end. We temerarious head did we dare to have ask if the avowed aim of this paper was the fearful audacity to request these tran-worthy of a better return than that scendant spirits to wield their magic pen/vouchsafed it. We have ceased to acto grace our obscure, humble and to them cept such reasons as inability to write, as contemptible paper. No, let it be enough accounting sufficiently for the neglect of for us to admire and worship at a dis-many of our subscribers on whom we retance these lofty geniuses; to cast now lied for aid; it is a plausible, and to and then up to them a timid and them but not to us, conclusive excuse shaded eye, and pass by with a lowly which their indolence prompts them to bend ; our immaginations are too feeble to offer. We do not deem ourselves more conceive, and our words fail to describe talented or better informed than any of ; their transcendant nowers. But let our youthful subscribers, still it is a work us pass from the contemplation of these of no difficulty or effort to us to pen a, prodigies of genius-those human Gods page or two at any moment. We were and turn and address our noor remarks once under the impression that the canato our fellow denizens of darkness. city. of writing was completely beyond

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