

become, much too late, aware of the error, and repentance follows in the track of inconsiderate pride.

We first discover the error either when the son completely fails in his destined profession, or when he has become half a man; when he complains; "If false ambition had not seduced my parents, who wished me to fill too high a post, I should have now been happier; I should be able to gain a more honourable and safer livelihood. I am now in a station where more is demanded of me than I can do. From want of sufficient means, I do not see how I shall ever be able to lead an independent and honourable life in the station that has been assigned me. My life long I shall be but a servant, or shall be forced to earn my bread accordingly and sparingly."

The desire of parents to raise themselves and their children above their station is in the present day a general evil, so that we see it almost everywhere. They have forgotten to seek their happiness and their renown in the station assigned them by God, and conceitedly wish to improve the dispensations of the world's rule.

This error most generally takes place in the treatment of the daughters. They receive an education which mostly exceeds their rank. Instead of accustoming them to that simplicity and frugality which are calculated to make an honest man happy, they are accustomed to all sorts of conveniences, to pleasures and dissipations, for which the future husband has often neither inclination nor capital. Instead of making it possible for them to render their own life and their husband's easier, by giving them a rich dowry, all savings are spent in dress and show, in order to make the daughter shine before all, in the hope that some rich man will prefer the virtues of this well educated girl to all fortune. The results of this are unhappily but too evident. The honest man, not able to maintain all the show, and supply the little conveniences and wants, to which the fine-educated daughter is accustomed, foregoes any alliance with the same. He rather chooses for himself one of his own rank, who, in the place of flimsy dress, brings him at least as much property as will assist him in the furnishing of his house. An ornamented poverty sinks into oblivion, and the high-flying plans of parental pride become humbled, according to the number of years in which the juvenile attractions of the daughter are fading away.

Hence the mass of unmarried, particularly in large towns, where the foolish desire of raising yourself above your station, and of doing as those who are richer do, is ever on the increase. Hence the mournful lot of such girls, who must bid farewell to their high pretensions, and, in order to be provided for, offer their hands to men whose employment, whose education, falls far beneath what they have expected. Hence the complaints, that apparently higher talents and nobler inclinations are at variance with the actual avocation; hence dissatisfaction with one's station; hence broken-up households, unhappy marriages.

#### BROTHERLY LOVE.

We learn with pleasure that a society is formed in the metropolis for the purpose of bringing together in harmony and brotherly love the natives of different countries. A meeting was held on Monday night, at White Conduit House, of the members, who consist of Germans, Poles, French, Italians, Americans, and English. The motto of the society is.—"Alle Menschen sird Bruder.—London Globe.

#### LEARNING AND WISDOM.

What a wide gulf there is between the mere scholar and the wise man! Books and a retentive memory may suffice to form the one; while the other possesses not only the material, but also the judgment to render it available.

#### A TALE OF THE SEA.

DURING the late war I first became acquainted with a young Englishman of the name of Russell, who, having on the death of his father, come into possession of some valuable estates in the West Indies, was at that time engaged in examining the value of his patrimony. In the prosecution of this object he visited Cuba, where my father, whose mercantile transactions were connected with his, resides, and where Russell resided for some weeks. He had a complete passion for the sea, and in the course of many pleasure trips among the neighbouring islands, in a fine little schooner which he had brought from England, we became the most intimate friends. There was a noble, almost a wild enthusiasm about his character, which, though it harmonized well with his athletic appearance, would have appeared Quixotic, had it not been borne out by his utter contempt of danger where danger really existed. I will give one instance out of many. We were beating up against a stiff southeast breeze off Cape Tiburon in Hispaniola, when one of the men, who had gone aloft to take in a reef in the topsail, sung out to those below, that a piratical galley was bearing down upon us with all sail set. Russell and I were at that time in the cabin, and having exhausted every social subject of amusement, we engaged separately and almost silently, I in turning over a set of engravings of sea-fights, and Russell in lazily setting up a few of the ropes of a frigate, which he was making as a model. Immediately, however, that the man entering the cabin, doffed his cap, and smoothing down his hair, told his story, Russell uttered a loud whoop of delight, and springing up with a haste which snapped half the spars in his beloved frigate, rushed on deck.

The man at the helm was waiting for the expected order to put the vessel about, and the crew were at the sheets and braces ready to execute the manœuvre; but Russell singing out "steady!" seized a spy glass to examine the pirate. In a minute or two he came down with a joyous expression of countenance, and seeing that his men were whispering discontentedly to each other, well knowing the bloody disposition of those pirates, he addressed them thus:—

"My lads! there are just a score of strapping negroes in the galley bearing down upon us; of course they will be well supplied with cutlasses and small arms, but they have not a single piece of metal among them; now you all know well enough that the little Petrel has the legs of these luffards, and my wish is to send a message from our long Tom in a friendly way; we can run when we can do no better; so all you who are willing to stand by your captain draw off to the weather side, and if there are any of you who are afraid of a few naked blacks in a long boat with a lug sail, keep your present station."

Our crew consisted of four Englishmen, a Scotchman, a Dutchman, and three negroes; and it was curious to observe the effect of their captain's speech upon them. The Englishmen gave three loud cheers and sprang to the weather side of our little craft; the Scotchman more slowly but quite as determinedly, followed, muttering that it was "by nae means prudent;" while the Dutchman, without uttering a single word, turned his quid in his cheek, squirted the juice deliberately over the lee bulwark, and hitching up his trousers walked after his companions. The negroes alone remained standing; they seemed utterly terrified at the idea of attacking these bloody and remorseless pirates, of whose atrocities they had heard and seen so much, and cast fearful glances at the nearing galley, as if they felt their long knives already at their throats.

A good dram, and a threat of keelhauling them, however, presently put them all right, and they bustled about with great alacrity to get the "long Tom" (a long-barreled gun which we carried, and which was