

## Drift.

The truth is that self-reliance is the basis of the American type of character. It was forced upon us—or upon our ancestors—in spite of many indignant and despondent protests. It is the result of circumstances that originated the grim and homely old saying "Root hog—or die." . . . In a smaller new country the activity of this spirit of self-reliance might have subsided after a generation or two . . . but the tendency of every American generation has been to push towards the wilderness and repeat the experiences of its predecessor. . . . This impulse has been so steadily exercised that it has become almost an instinct—it has been "petrified in the brain structure," as a noted scientist says. . . . Superficial observers sometimes denominate this quality conceit, which it no more resembles than light resembles darkness. The men who most successfully exemplify it are almost uniformly modest and diffident,—so unassuming as to pass for mere nobodies until they had astonished the world.—JOHN HABBERTON, in the *Current*, on "The American Type."

O Sorrow!  
Why dost borrow  
The natural hue of health from vermeil lips?  
To give maiden blushes  
To the white rose bushes?  
Or is it thy dewy hand the daisy tips?  
  
O Sorrow!  
Why dost borrow  
The lustrous passion from a falcon-eye?  
To give the glow-worm light?  
Or, on a moonless night,  
To tinge, on syren shores, the salt sea-spray?"

—KEATS.

Some of the troubles of the people of Canada are so pressing that relief must come at once, or the union of Provinces will last no longer. Their misfortunes are largely those of an ambitious people who have developed their country past its population and their pocket-books. No other aggregation of human beings of its size in the world has ever spent so much money on public improvements in the same number of years.—*The Current* (March 14.)

## Our Wallet.

MY WAY.

(See 'VARSITY Feb 7th)

I have two fond lovers here, Jill,  
At the National Club.  
Though I usually meet them together, dear,  
Down at "The Hub."

Don't you want to know their names, Jill?  
Here they are: S—, and B—,  
Though they differ so much, they mix well, dear,  
For the're: Soda and B—!

DANIEL DIX.

They were standing at the front gate. "Won't you come into the parlor and sit a little while, Georgie, dear?" "No-no, I guess not," replied George, hesitatingly. "I wish you would," the girl went on, "its awfully lonesome. Mother has gone out, and father is up stairs, groaning with rheumatism in the legs." "Both legs?" asked George. "Yes, both legs." "Then I'll come."—*Ex.*

Tiny little letter,  
On a little card,  
Help the jolly student  
Answer questions hard.  
So the little ponies,  
Glanced at on the sly,  
Make the idle Freshman  
Soph' more by-and-by.

University Herald.

Things better left unsaid—*He* (to elderly lady, complimenting);  
Madame, really, to-day you look as fresh and blooming as a rose of  
twenty years.—*Ex.*

*She*—"What are you thinking of?" *He*—"Nothing." *She*—  
"Egotist!"—*Tech.*

ERRATA IN ARTICLE ON "PHOSPHATE MINING IN CANADA.—Page  
246, second column—21st line from bottom, "mixed" should read  
"mined"; 29th and 46th lines from bottom, "wet" should read "rock."

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