

life has been transformed into industrial energy; and this energy, in its new form, the churches, oddly enough, are endeavouring to recapture and apply to their machines. Religion is becoming a department of practical business. The churches, orthodox and unorthodox, old and new, Christian, Christian-scientific, theosophic, neo-thinking, vie with one another in advertising goods which are all material benefits. 'Follow me, and you will get rich,' 'Follow me, and you will get well,' 'Follow me, and you will be cheerful, prosperous, successful.' Religion in America is nothing if not practical. It does not concern itself with a life beyond, it gives you, here and now, what you want. 'What do you want? Money? Come along! Success? This is the shop! Health? Here you are! Better than patent medicines!' The only part of the Gospels that seems to interest the modern American is the miracles, for the miracles really did do something. As for the Sermon on the Mount, well, that isn't business! Whoever got on by turning the other cheek?"

SECTION IX. Art. "Nowhere on that continent, so far as I have been able to see, is there to be found a class or a clique of men respected by others and respecting themselves who also respect not merely art but the artistic calling. Broadly, business is the only respectable pursuit, including under business Politics and Law, which in this country are departments of business. Business holds the place in popular esteem that is held by arms in Germany, by letters in France, by Public Life in England. The man therefore whose bent is towards the arts meets no encouragement; he meets everywhere the reverse. His father, his uncles, his brothers, his cousins, all are in business. There is, no doubt, the professorial career, but that, it is agreed, is adopted only by men of 'no ambition.' Americans believe in education, but they do not believe in educators. There is no money to be made in that profession; and the making of money is the test of character. The born poet or artist is thus handicapped to a point which may easily discourage him from running at all. At the best, he emigrates to Europe, and his achieve-