

CONCEITED CELEBRITIES.

The Estimate Most Great Men Have Had of Their Own Abilities.

It is true that a man's greatness may almost be measured by his modesty.

That Balzac had at least an adequate estimate of his powers was proved by his saying, on more than one occasion, "There are only three writers in France—Victor Hugo, Theophile Gautier and myself."

This verdict, flattering as it was, in a sense, to Victor Hugo, was by no means endorsed by him.

When a lady of rank once said to Malherbe, the famous French poet, whose morals were as faulty as his verses were perfect, "I want to show you some of the most exquisite verses ever written; they will be a revelation to you," Malherbe answered: "Pardon me, madam. If, as you say, the verses are the most perfect ever written I have already seen them, for they must be my own."

Mirabeau, one of the most prominent figures in the French Revolution, maintained his vanity to the last. As he was dying he said to his favorite attendant, "Prop up my head carefully, for it is the most remarkable head in all France." Mirabeau was honored with a public funeral, and his remains were placed in the Pantheon; and yet within a few months he was declared a traitor by the very assembly of which he had been the master spirit and President.

Perhaps one of the most striking examples of vanity, even in French annals, was furnished by a letter written by Victor Hugo to Prince Bismarck, in which the following sentences occur: "I love thee because I am greater than thou art. Were we allied as one man, history would cease. Thou art the cloud, and I the lightning; if thou art power, I am fame. Which is the greater, victor or vanquished? Neither. I, as poet, am greater than either, for I celebrate both."

Rossini could not restrain his vanity even in the home circle. Many of his letters to his mother bore this inscription: "To Mrs. Rossini, the mother of the famous maestro."

Wagner, in his early days of obscurity and neglect, was a constant prey to mortified vanity. "Mozart, Mendelssohn," he would say. "Bah! Who are they? Their suns will all have set long before mine is at the meridian."

But expressions such as these were, perhaps, outbursts due to a sense of personal injustice, rather than expressions of honest opinion, for when the sun began to shine for Wagner few men were more modest or charitable than he.

Michael Angelo, the greatest painter and sculptor of all time, was intensely jealous of Raphael, whose star rose but a few years later than his own and threatened to eclipse it. "Raphael," Michael Angelo used to say, "will never be anything more than my pupil. The little art he knows he learnt from me."

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JOYS OF SHOPPING.

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VERY SAD CASE.

Physicians Say Chloroform Wrecked the Mother's Mind.

The most pitiable victim of the chloroform habit of record in the city was developed the other day by the police authorities of Indianapolis, Ind., in the person of Mrs. Lillie Volpp, with a husband and three children. She began to use the drug by inhalation, saturating a handkerchief and laying it on her face, and she continued to increase the quantity until her daily chloroform bill averaged \$2; equaling 20 ounces. One eighth of an ounce is sufficient for an anaesthetic. She never purchased more than an ounce at a time, and her children were required to make 20 trips daily, to the neighboring drugstores, and if they were not prompt in returning, she would run into the street screaming in delirium. Her face was found to be burned and blistered by repeated applications of the drug, and the physicians rapidly reached the conclusion that she was insane. The authorities placed her under restraint. The family was found frightfully destitute, the mother having pawned everything of commercial value to gratify her habit.

Revival of Trade.

Reports from the United States support the view that trade interests have vastly improved recently and that the business outlook for the future is encouraging. This will be welcome news to the people of Canada, since our own trade interest will be stimulated and improved. In nothing has this improvement been shown in a more marked way than in the increased sale of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Times being dull everything not absolutely needed becomes a luxury, and its sale became stationary. Now it is different. Sales have increased vastly, doubtless as it has proven the only safe, sure, and painless remedy for corns, and wise people will use no other.

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A DEFINITION.

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HER ASHES IN THE MORTAR.

An odd monument was desired by an elderly maiden who died a few weeks ago in Athlone, Ireland. She left a fortune of \$135,000 to be spent in the erection of a church, provided that her body should be converted into ashes and used in making the mortar for building the edifice.

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