

Hannay, we hope in a future number to give two or three passages which we have marked.

The author appears to calmly weigh all his statements; where he takes sides in a quarrel or dispute, he moderately and modestly states his reasons, he shows no evidence of prejudice, and his aim appears to be, to present a just, fair, and impartial view of the occurrences and events which he has described; and, we may add, that he has done so with a command of language, a facility of expression, and an elegance of style, that will bear favourable comparison with the styles of the best writers of modern English.

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### THE FIRST GOLOID DOUBLE EAGLE.

The first specimen of the metric gold double eagle on the goloid principle, of the full value of \$20, coined at the Philadelphia United States Mint, was received at the Treasury Department recently. It is a beautiful coin, of the size of the old double eagle, having a very rich hue. The design of the obverse side is a head of Liberty surmounted by thirteen stars, between which is the metric inscription, "30 g., 1.5 s., 3.5. c. 35 grains," below which is 1879. On the reverse is the double eagle, surmounted by the words, "United States of America," and a circlet of thirteen stars emblazoned. Within the circlet is the Latin inscription, "*Deo est gloria*," in a scroll held by the eagle the words, "*E pluribus unum*," meaning, when translated, "The United States of America—to God is the glory—of many one." Beneath are the words, "Twenty dollars." The coin has been handed over to Hon. A. H. Stephens, chairman of the Committee on Coinage. It is patented by Dr. William Wheeler Hubbell, and is the companion coin of the goloid dollar.