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APPEARANCES.

Many essays have been written, and much Many essays have been written, and much advice given, against the almost universal desire to "ke p up appearances;" but few have examined human nature closely enough to discover the true philosophy of that feeling. There are but few persons in the world who can really and cheerfully give up all care for appearances; and those few, when found, will not probably prove in other things models for imitation. They are usually so possessed with some one idea, or so absorbed in one pursuit, that all other things seem worthless to them, and they have thus lost a wholesome balance of character. The miser and the man of overweening acter. The miser and the man of overweening

acter. The miser and the man of overweening self-conceit are instances of this kind.

In truth, if we examine closely into the causes of our happiness, we shall find that appearances play no inconsiderable part among them. To live utterly regardle s of the impressions made upon oth rs, would be to sink far below the present stage of civilization, and to bani h many prevailing moral influences, that exert a vast power for good. The wisman, therefore, in guarding himself and others against the abuses that come from indiscriminate and excessive love of display, will be careagainst the actives that come from indiscriminate and excessive love of display, will be careful not to totally condemn it: a condemnation that commonly fails on account of its manifest injustice. There is usually an habitual identification of pleasant appearances with the realities they personate, and this increases faith in their importance. There is sometimes mortilized to the contract of the ality as well as expedincy in a regard for ap-pearances; but where so many erris in having too much regard for them, and in neglecting the pro, er balance between that and higher

When ambition or pretence aims at making rather than keeping up appearances, it will often fail, by bestowing all its efforts where they are ineffectual. It requires judgment to fix on the right style to keep up, and the person and classes whose respect it is worth while to aim at securing. Those whose opinion is best worth having will not be easily deceived, and false pretenders will fail. All display is an enemy to the vigilance which the true observer of appearances should practise. There are occasions where struggl's and expedients are wisely kept out of sight. Few wish to be considered objects of commassion: and courage When ambition or pretence aims at making considered objects of compassion; and courage, hope and success often depend on the resolution to ma ntain a suitable a per rance, while if the to be abandoned in despair, all will flag. It is where the love of display leads us into actual wrong doing that it has become type demands immediate check.

By its fr 1 s we may best discover when any one motive has too great a hold : po: us. Where appearances are made to stand in the place of realities, hypocri y is the result. The deep m uning crape may stand in the place of the grief it indicates, and the profession of virtue may be so loud as to drown the more quiet reality. The young are naturally more jealous of appearances than the old. The world is b-fore them, while it is stipping and rec-ding from their livers; and the failure o make due allowance for this natural difference is often the cause of much misunderstanding on both sides. Yet none are justified in showing defiance to conventional r straints, or loosening social tis and obligations. He who affects contempt for appearances as such, and persists in disregarding them, only indulg s his own humor at the expense of others' teelings, an i usually violates some principle of morality or order. What we chiefly have to do is to make our realities and appearances agr. e.

KNAVES AND FOOLS

If men and women were amenable to the laws by which schools are governed, how many thousands of us would have to do penance in fools' caps every day! Dunces more inveterate and hopless than the veriest thickheads you can and hopless than the veriess thickness, yell as pick out of the childworld, are as plentiful as blackberries among "chil ren of a larger growth." Wholesome discipline and good administration the wits and imgrowth." Wholesome discipline and good advice do sometimes brighten the wits and improve the judgments of unpromising boys and girls; but neither the scourge of bitter experience, nor the tutelage of the wise and good, seems to produce any reformatory ffect upon the majority of adult blunderers. Your burnt child avoids the fire; but your singed man is as apt to rush back into the flame as a moth or etle.

The gaol does not teach the thief that honesty is the best policy; no reverse reclaims the reckless gambl r; the drunkard, whom dissipation has reduced to his last coat, pawns it to procure more liquer; plucked pigeons of the Stock Exchange only wait to renew their feathers to return and be stripped again; publishers of papers that the public do not want, and will not read sink fortune deep fortune to and will not read, sink fortune after fortune in vain efforts to revolutionise the taste of the million; vi ionaries with patent schemes for remodelling the social system on principles

at war with the laws of nature, sophisticate to the bitter end, in spite of the derision of the community; inventors whose brains have brought forth nothing but failure, cling to their fullacies in the face of demonstration, and go on projucing new abortions; politicians who have been hissed down a thousand times

who have been hissed down a thousand times, continue to talk, after they have become too contemptible to be hooted.

Such insane obstinacy, such perseverance in fatuity, such flagitious disregard of the teachings of experience, are not to be found among the urchins who frequent our public schools. The great at blockhead, the worst scapegrace among the little folk, pays some attention to the lessons and admonitions he is continually receiving: but fools and knaves who have arreceiving; but fools and knaves who have arrived at "y ars of discretion," are, for the most rived at "y ars of discretion," are, for the most part, incorrigible.

Let the hone-t and sensible portion of man-

kind comio t itself with the reflection that all worthless things find, at last, their roper level. If we cannot always "shoot folly as it flies," let us remember that it, wings are of wax, and that sooner or later it must share the fate of Icarus; and that knavery, though it may flurish for a season, rarely outlives

> " The vigil lo Of those who treasure up a wrong

An editor and a dramatic manager, if they are at all sympathetic and have any sense of humor, must be moved to laughter and to sadness o tener than most men. For the efforts of poor authors to sell their wares are intensely ridiauthors to sell their wares are intensely ridiculous and wearily pathetic. Literature, practically speaking, is in some sort a business wherein good and thorough work commands acceptance; but this it is almost impossible to make novices comprehend. They waste an unconsciouable quantity of nk and time in attempting to persuade people to buy their crude and stupid platitudes, their wretched grammar, and frightful rheioric: fortuna ely they have and frightful rhetoric; fortuna ely they have not arrived at knife and pistol persuasion. There might be a slight public prejudice against conduct like that of clever Donneau de conduct like that of clever Donneau de Visé, who in 1672 frightened an obdurate manager into accepting his once-r jected comedy. Ho and two other reckless Bonemian of Paris, disguised as police agents, arrested the manager at midnight, blindfolded him, carried him. off to their lodgings, and sol-minly informed him that having drawn upon himself the hatred of a prince of the blood, by rejecting his Highness's comedy, submitted to him anonymously, he must prepare for condign punishment. This purishment was to consist in cutting on his ears after the despised comedy had been red to him. to him. Of course the poor man pleaded that he had no time to read the reat number of pieces sent to him, and of course fell int, rag-cures over the reading, postponing as long as might be the loss of his eas. When he had been thoroughly s stred his captors agred to a compromise; he was to perform the play immediately, an i, moreover, sign a statement that he did so volunt rily, and from his ardent admiration for its brilliancy. Then the three literary brigands confessed their plot, and their virtim having an estimatory. victim, having an active sense of the humorous situation, straightway pardoued them and brought out the comedy.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for this de partment should be addressed to the Editor FAVORITE and marked "Correspondence."

W. S.—We shall avail ourselves of your sug-

KITTY GRANT.—With practice we have no doubt you will improve. The sample you send us is hardly up to the mark.

MARY PERCY.—1. By folding, instead of rolling, your MSS., you will not labor under the disadvantage of putting the Editor into a bad temper. 2. Mrs. Lewes.

UNA (Owen Sound).—Thanks for your favorable opinion of the FAVORITE. We are trying our best to make it the most readable, as it is the cheapest paper on the Continent.

A PATRIOT patriotically inquires whether Canada has a national hymn and a national flag. We regret to say it has neither. A national anthem is the spontaneous product of circumstance. We have not yet come to that. As to the latter, what is called the Dominion flag and the Dominion escutcheon is a heraldic abortion, which has not met with general favor.

ETYMON (Richmond).—Faults of spelling may be pardoned in a great writer, such as Byron or Chateaubriand, but in an ordinary mortal they are sufficient to damn his composition. For our part, we shall rigidly refuse any contribution, after meeting with a single blunder in orthography. Spelling is like carving,—it is no honor not to know how to do it, but a dishonor to ignore it.

R. J. writes: "If the MS, sent by this post signed O. P. Q. is worth Five Dollars please remit the same. Should you not care for it, drop me a line and I will send you stamps to return the

MS." Does R. J. think that we have nothing to do but to drop lines to people whose MSS. we do not want, and who always omit to enclose a stamp for reply? Our rule is, as we have stated time and time again, that a stamp must invariably be enclosed when an answer by post is desired. R. J. is requested to be good enough to understand that we do not think his MS. is worth Five Dollars.

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AGATHA (Beaver Hall) asks the elementary question, "Can't a young girl walk through the streets after nine o'clock at night? And if not, why not?" Our answer will be elementary. No young woman alone, or no two or three young women together, should walk the streets at that hour without urgent necessity. Why not? Simply because men are so wicked. Our fair correspondent—for we know she is fair, as her name betokens that she is good—should remember the story of the Princess Metternich, who once wagered that she would walk the streets of Paris, unattended, at midnight. She did so, but she was followed and insulted. Her husbut she was followed and insulted. Her husbut she was followed and insulted. Her husband, who wished to resent the insult, was toll by the Don Juan that while his challenge would be willingly accepted, he should remember that any female found alone at midnight on the thoroughfare deserved to be insulted. 'Tis apity,'tis true.

NEWS NOTES.

PARLIAMENT opened on the 23rd.

JOHN Bright has been re-elected to Par.in

THE wife of Père Hyacinthe has given birth

THE Trades-Unionists of Toronto entertained Messrs. Arch and Claydon at a banquet.

PRESIDENT GRANT is troubled with a severe old, which necessitates his absence from of-

A NEW political party, composed of the moderate men on both sides, is spoken of in Ot-

A TELEGRAM from Calcutta to the Lond Times says a famine is threatened in the P vince of Bengal.

ADMIRAL LOBOS, who disobeyed orders in going from Cartagena to Gibraltar, has asked for a trial by court martial. REPORTS from different parts of the United

States show that much damage was done by the gaie and rain storm of Monday. THE French Assembly met on October 29th; a motion for the restoration of monarchy will be made on the 5th of November.

THE Intransigent squad on left Valencia after dundering ten more Spanish merchantmen, our of which they took with them.

ADVICES from Paris confirm the truth of the reported concessions lately unade to the Monarchists by the Comte de Chambord.

The freight steamer "Mary E. Poe" was burned on the Mississippi, near Memphis. Eight persons, four of whom were passengers, are missions. ing.

THE General of the Order of Jesuits in Rome was notified by the Government that the buildings at present occupied by them must be varcated immediately.

THE Cunard Steamship Company intend withdrawing their vessels from the West India service and establishing a daty line of steamers between Liverpool and New York,

The Intransigents' vessels remain off Valencia, where they have captured several Spanish merchantmen. Troops are arriving, and the city is being prepared for an attack.

Six convents were taken possession of in Rome by a committee appointed by law for the purpose. The United States and Portuguese Consuls entered a protest against the seizure of the Franciscan convents, on the ground that they were the property of citizens of their respective

BISHOP MERMILLOD, from across the French frontier, has issued an edict prohibiting three curés, lately elected by the Old Catholic Congress, from performing the functions of their of-free. Pere Hyacinthe delivered a powerful ser-mon, in which he repudiated the assumption of power by the Bishop.

HON. JOHN BRIGHT addressed a large assem Hox. John Shight addressed a large assembly at Birmingham. Mr. Gladstone's Education Act, the Ashantee war, the Treaty of Washington, etc., were reviewed at length by him; he concluded by animadverting severely upon the Conservative policy, and advised his hearers to support the Liberals.

THE rebel frigate "Numancia" ran into her conof the repetificate "Numancia" ran into her control the "Fernando el Catolico," sinking her and drowning haif her crew. One version attributes the catastrophe to the ignorance of officers, while another report says the "Fernando" was sunk because she parted company and refused to answer the signal of the "Numancia."

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The Spanish insurgent squadron arrived off Valencia, when the commandant sent a boat ashore demanding money and provisions, counselling the granting of his request, as he did not wish to bombard the town. The authorities refused, and made preparations to resist an attack. Threats were then made of sinking a gunbost in the harbor, but the British Admiral demanded that ninety-six hours' notice of an attack should be given, and threatened to open fire out the squadron, demand was not complied with. the squadron, with.