

they were simply readers, while our arts cannot flourish without being elocutionists of to-day add to this the breathed upon by kings and noble-undesirable gift of the *fakir*. I would men. rather touch the heart of a rough, What remains for the readers of tough newsboy, perched upon a back this country is to grow strong and



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seat in one of our entertainment halls, and receive his honest and sincere applause, than the exclusive commendation of such a "conspiracy of fool's fashions, and refined hardness of heart." It is a pity, indeed, if the

great through their own genius, studiously cultivating, along the line of honest, faithful work, the particular gifts and endowments with which each has been blessed.