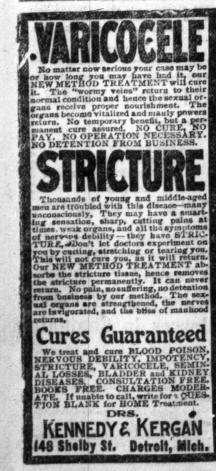


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### CHEAP STATUETTES.

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While it is not difficult to secure good American workmen for carrying out chemes of interior decorations, it is impossible yet to get native born men capable of modeling statuettes and busts such as are sold on the street corners and in many of the art shops. All the workmen employed in factories that produce these are Italians, chiefly from Tuscany. This is equally true of those who follow this trade in Germany and France. The Tuscans appear to have a natural ability for that sort of work that has given them the nonopoly of it.

The great majority of these busts and statuettes are copied directly from the originals wherever they happen to be, and then the molds are made from that copy and sent to all parts of the world. the statues being cast in the place where they are to be sold. In the larger shops in New York city, however, a certain amount of original work is done in order to keep pace with the popular demand for representations of the hero of the hour. A great many of our most distinguished poets, authors and statesmen whose busts are exposed for sale on the street corners never sat for these portraits. Some workman modeled the head after a photograph and occasionally has produced such good work that it is almost a pity the sculptor's name should remain un-

The chief purchasers of these casts from the larger makers are the high schools all over the country. They demand, of course, not only classical subjects and copies of ancient bas-reliefs and architectural details, but also busts of famous men and women from every period of the world's history. Such wide range of subjects is covered by this demand that seven and eight thousand titles are included in some of the catalogues issued. The factories where these figures are turned out exhibit in their showrooms an assortment and confusion of time, place and nature be-

wildering to look at. The process of casting these statuettes is a comparatively simple one when the mold is once completed. The material used, plaster of paris, is cheap, and a very excellent quality is produced in this country. When the statuette comes out, it is pure white and covered with ridges made by the different sections of the mold. These ridges are carefully removed, and then the cast is placed in an oven heated at about 180 degrees. After it has been baked for a certin length of time it is plunged into a solution of stearic acid and kept there until thoroughly saturated. Then, when it has dried, the yellow color is gained by applying to the surface a solution of beeswax, turwill not wash off, and, of course, any

shade can be produced at will. "The demand for nude statues in the art schools is growing less every year," said one of the largest makers of these casts. "That is because people are realizing more and more that artists must draw from the human figure itself if they wish to understand the human form. We get more orders now for draped figures in the art schools and for busts in the high schools. Until very recently the busts of most of the celebrated Americans which we sell had been made in Italy from photographs sent over from this country, and many mistakes occurred in matters of detail, like the cut of the coats and collars. We are trying to do these now in a more modern and characteristic way and occasionally have been furnished with photographs by their

The statuettes which are carried about the streets wrapped in harmonious yellow tissue paper or are displayed on the sidewalks or on the steps of unoccupied houses are made by quite a different set of manufacturers. The larger dealers do not sell to these street peddlers at all. The peddlers have their own little workrooms, which furnish them with their stock at a much lower rate than the regular dealers charge. No originals are made in these ateliers, and most of the molds are gained by taking them from a cast bought from some other firm. The stearic acid bath is left out of the process, and consequently the color of these cheaper

works washes off. The peddlers of these statuettes stand in about the same relation to sculptors and sculpture that the hand organ players do to music and musicians. They reflect fairly accurately the popular taste, and, according to their testimony, it is the Tanagra figurines that in the long run sell the best of all their stock. From time to time there is a market for the bust of some particular man, and those sales are always temporary. Grotesque figures are always in demand and copies of the various models of Venus with which the public are familiar. Rows of Cupids and of monks' heads, winged Victories and busts of Wagner come and go as popular favorites, but the Tanagra figurines have a steady sale that insures their presence in the stock of nearly every street peddler. \_

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AN ILL TIMED PROTEST.

Rat the Extravagance Was Tos Great For the Economical Wife. Every now and then it is startlingly emonstrated how early environment dominates later experiences in persons of maturity and leaves impressions more lasting than years of changed surround-

At one time a certain Hungarian in New York city, whose profession was that of law, was greatly prominent in the Hungarian colony, and it fell to him to officiate on most occasions, semisocial and other, in connection with the affairs of the Hungarian consulate here. The man himself was most scholarly, with a fascinating sort of intellect and manner that spoke of European habit.

In the course of events it came his way to entertain with a certain degree of lavishness an embassador and prelate of the church. The entertainment was arranged to take place at Delmonico's, and it seemed to the Hungarian gentleman that it would be altogether more in keeping with the importance of the occasion if his wife were present.

Now, his wife knew little of such

things. Her life had been passed in making home comfortable and in executing little wifely economies—to the end, per-haps, that he might spend money lavishly

on occasions such as these.

However, her gown was well thought out, some slight coaching attended to, and the event was in a fair way to pass off smoothly. The guests were received by the hostess with as much dignity as by the host, the gentleman of diplomatic obligations had congratulated himself and had spoken an encouraging word to his good wife as well.

They sat at the table: Suddenly the watchful host observed that his wife was not partaking of the feast. More than that, he saw with consternation an expression of strong disapproval on her face. He knew the signs and knew something was going to happen. He thought to avert the impending disaster and look-ed smilingly toward the lady and said solicitously:

"I fear you are not served to your taste, dear madam. If you will"-The lady rose majestically. She looked down upon him. She spoke. She said: "William, I have lived with you for many years. I have been a good wife and saved you money. Sometimes I have made it for you. I am going. I will not sit here and be a witness to this extrava-

And neither would she. The startled guests stood with countenance cast down while William escorted her to a carriage. Then the band played on.

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ACTOR'S WIT AVERTED RIOT

How John Brougham Restored Peace With a Well Turned Joke. "There have been a good many stories told of the quick wit of actors who have turned an accident or a panic or a row into a joke," said an old time actor the other day. "A good many of the stories are fakes, I suppose," he continued, "but some are true, and there are lots that have never found their way into print. The press agent wasn't as numerous or as clever in the old days as he is now.

"I remember an instance in which John Brougham carried off a most difficult situation by a clever bit of improvisation and saved the old Winter Garden in New York from the disgrace of a riot. It was the first night on which he played his

burlesque 'Columbus' there, and the house was filled with his friends. "Among the most enthusiastic of these friends were a great crowd of Fenians, headed by Mahoney, the man who had just then been elected president of the Irish republic at the old Fenian headquarters in Seventeenth street. There was a jollification in honor of his election, and as he was a personal friend of Brougham's it was natural that he and his followers should buy up nearly all the orchestra seats in the house for the open

ing night, as they did.
"I was in the cast, and so was Jack Study, but if anybody else in the com pany is now alive I don't remember who t is. I played the part of a big Indian, who first appeared on the stage as a mes senger bringing dispatches from Wash

"Just as I came on a discussion that had sprung up among some of the excited Fenians developed into a quarrel The house was already disturbed, and there was every prospect of a fight in the orchestra in another minute.
"I delivered my message and Brough

" 'Confound you, have done!' "Then turning from me to the soot-lights he went on, as if it was a part of

his speech: "Or would you. like a hand of Fenian brother All fame abandon to defame each other?
If with such sentiments I sent out any.
Remember, I'm send center sere, Mahoney.

"There was a roar of laughter from the whole house at this, and the Fenians joined in it as heartly as any one else. There was no further talk or indication of trouble and the play went on without

WORDS OF WISDOM.

If you'd lose a troublesome visitor, lend Three may keep a secret, if two of

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Be civil to all, serviceable to many, familiar with few, friend to one, enemy to

eyes; when he speaks to thee, look on his Who is wise? He that learns from every one. Who is powerful? He that governs his passions. Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody.

Stories of Crispi.

The late Francesco Crispi never forgot, kings' servant although he was, that he had also been one of the kingmakers. To the unhappy master of ceremonies of the Quirinal, on the first occasion when he was invited to dinner and his wife was omitted because of the unconventionality of the relations between the two before their marriage, he cried, "Inform not repaired before tonight a republic will be proclaimed in Italy within fortyeight hours."
On another occasion he was asked in

the chamber by a colleague if he belong ed to Mazzini's party. "No," replied Crispi. "Then perhaps you belong to Garibaldi's?" "No." "Then whose party do you belong to?" "Crispi's!"

Oldheimer (standing in his garden showing a friend the neighbor's new fence)-You see, doctor, at last my neighbor has put up a new fence in-stead of the old hedge through which his chickens came and scratched up my gar-

Doctor-How did you manage? Go to court about it?
Oldheimer—Court nothing! Every few days I sent him a couple of dozen eggs, and when I had him used to the eggs I stopped and told him his hens had laid them in my garden. In less than a week I saw that fence go up.

His Vocation. Parent-Well, Charles, you will soon be getting through with your schooling, and it's time you thought about what you expect to do for a living. Have you any preference for anything in particu-

Offspring—In a general way, nothing more. I have thought I'd like to be a stock broker or a clergyman, or something of that kind. Parent-Something of that kind?

Offspring—Yes; something in which other folks furnish the confidence.

Conscientious. Among the questions sent out by a school examiner was the following example in arithmetic: "If one horse can run a mile in one minute fifty seconds, and another a mile in two minutes, how far would the first horse be ahead in a match race of two miles?"

A scholar returned the question with this attached, "I will have nothing to do with horse racing."—London Answers,

The worship of a first husband or wife does not necessarily exclude affection for a second. I had a relative who presented colored glass windows that cost £1,00C aplece to churches in memory of his first wife when he was walking about London with his second wife.—Mrs. Crawford in London Truth. A Widower's Wives.

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