

In unison with the last passage is one that comes a few pages further on, "Washington had grasped instinctively the general truth that Englishmen are prone to mistake civility for servility and become offensive, whereas if they are treated with indifference, rebuke, or even rudeness, they are apt to be respectful and polite." This, we presume, is the hypothesis on which Mr. Cabot Lodge treats Englishmen when he goes among them, and then he wonders if in some unguarded moment they betray a doubt whether he is perfectly charming. And this critic of character is himself a man of British name and blood, whose not very remote ancestor was an Englishman.

We commend to the notice of our readers the spirit and taste of the following passage, as well as its fitness for insertion in a work styling itself a history: "Rude contempt for other people, is a warming and satisfying feeling, no doubt, and the English have had unquestionably great satisfaction from its free indulgence. No one should grudge it to them, least of all Americans. It is a comfort for which they have paid, so far as this country is concerned, by the loss of their North American Colonies, and by a few other settlements with the United States at other and later times. But although Washington and his army failed to impress England, events had happened in the north, during this same summer, which were so sharp-pointed that they not only impressed the English people keenly and unpleasantly, but they actually penetrated the dull comprehension of George III. and his Cabinet. 'Why,' asked an English lady of an American naval officer, in the year of grace, 1887—'why is your ship named the Saratoga?' 'Because,' was the reply, 'at Saratoga an English general and an English army of more than five thousand men surrendered to an American army, and laid down their arms.' Although apparently neglected now in the general scheme of British education, Saratoga was a memorable event in the summer of 1777, and the part taken by Washington in bringing about this great result has never, it would seem, been pro-