THE GLADSTONE MYTH.

From Macmillan's Magazine.

In works of art Gladstone is represented armed with an axe. This, of course, is probably a survival from the effigies of Zeus Labrandeus, *den Man auf Munzen mit der streitaxt erblickt.* (Preller, I., 112). We hear of axes being offered to Gladstone by his worshipers. Nor was the old custom of clothing the image of the god (as in the sixth book of the "Iliad") neglected. We read that the people of a Scotch manufacturing town (Galashiels) presented the Midlothian Gladstone (a local hero) with "trouserings," which the hero graciously accepted. Indeed he was remarkably unlike death, as described by Æschylus, "Of all gods, death only recks not of gifts." Gladstone, on the other hand, was the centre of a lavish system of sacrifice—loaves of bread, axes, velocipedes, books, in vast and overwhelming numbers, were all dedicated at his shrine. Hence some have identified him with Irving, also a deity propitiated (as we read in Hatton) by votive offerings. In a later chapter I show that Irving is really one of the Asvins of Vedic mythology, "the Great Twin Brethren," or in mythic language, "the Corsican Brothers," (compare Myrlantheus on the Asvins). His inseparable companion is Wilson-Barrett.

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From the Boston Herald.

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Perils of the City Baby.

From the Popular Science Monthly.

The question arises, what is it in cities that is so hostile to infant life? The subject is a complex one, and in its analysis we must consider the varying conditions surrounding the different classes. Distinctions of rank are as definitely marked among infants as among adults. There is none of the democracy which obtains in the country. We have the infant of aristocracy, the infant of the middle classes, the infant of the poor, the infant dependent upon charity. Each of these inherits an environment peculiar to itself; its house, its nursery and sleeping apartment, its nurses and attendants, who solve the problems of its food and raiment. Take the matter of inheritance, not of money or lands, but of constitution. The extreme classes found in the city and not in the country, the very wealthy and the very poor, are likely to bestow on their offspring a latent tendency to disease. The ultra-fashionable mother, the self-indulgent father, hand down to their children overwrought nervous systems and weak physical powers, which result in early death, or more often a life of protracted feebleness. In the lowest classes the untoward effects upon the children of poverty, intemperance and moral obliquity are incalculable. The city infants belonging to the middle classes often suffer because of the struggle of their parents to maintain a foothold in society and to mount the steps in social life which will bring them distinction. It would be a long discussion to enter into all the questions of heredity which influence the fate of a child. They are vital questions, however, which require the utmost delicacy in handling, but which are of transcending importance to the individual and to the race. Very little of the common sense which prevails in preserving and rearing choice stock exists in relation to the human animal. If, by chance, the infant is well born—that is, has the germ of a constitution which will unfold untainted by scrofula or epilepsy, or any other foul disease which will rob it of a healthy mental and physical development as life unrolls before it—such inheritance is unequaled. Dr. Ireland has shown the effects of heredity as seen in tracing through 350 years the health history of the house of Spain. The children, though born to a kingdom and a crown, were cursed with a hereditary nervous taint, which sometimes passed over a generation only to appear again in various forms and intensities, as epilepsy, hypochondria, melancholia, mania, and imbecility, till at length it extinguished the direct royal line.

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A Cheap Way to Become an Author.

A New York correspondent of the Kansas City Times writes: The attempt of McKee Rankin a few years ago to pass as the author of the drama "49," which was written by Joaquin Miller, is recalled by a very similar incident in this city to-day. A short time ago fashionable society produced an author, who turned out regularly magazine articles, verses and plays to the surprise of all his friends. He was the scion of an old and much-esteemed family, and troops of admiring girls who enthusiastically scanned his poetry in secret or read his plays in public gloried in the fact that he was an aristocratic as well as a talented young author. There was some wonder at first that a man who could talk only with the greatest difficulty in public, and then in a very stupid manner, should be able to make other people talk so fluently in dialogues, and write such readable essays, but it was generally attributed to his peculiar talent in that line. Of course the young author was petted and flattered on every side, and elected a member of innumerable literary and dramatic societies. But finally a poor literary and profligate young writer, who was known as a penny-a-liner, came forward and said that he was the author of the poems and dramas which had attracted so much attention. The divulgence was made because the so-called author had not paid him for his work as agreed. The matter became the principal topic of conversation in the St. Nicholas and Knickerbocker clubs, where he was a respected member, but to all the questions about his claim to the articles the young man had ready replies, and, the literary hack being paid, nothing more was said about the matter. He still continued to write his plays, poems and political articles, but society began to doubt his authorship, and he found that he was no longer petted as before. He then went to Paris, where he employed a professional writer to compose for him a story, which appeared in one of the Parisian journals as one of his works. A writer was then employed to translate it into English, and an attempt made with a large publishing house here to publish it, but without avail.

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From Punch.

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Fran Lehman as Venus.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Press.

High society has had a curious shock. You must know that the lines are drawn closely as to the social recognition of stage women. Our most pretentious people will go to see Patti and Bernhardt, but will not let those gifted sirens come to visit them, but Nilsson and Ristori have always found Fifth avenue doors with hinges oiled to swing ready at their entrance. It pleased the leaders of fashion to countenance Fraulein Lehman, of the German Opera company, singing at the Metropolitan, and she has been a frequent guest in seclusively exclusive circles. But in the other night's performance of Tannhauser her entrance brought glasses to the eyes of everybody within sight of her and caused such an instant hush of conversation in the boxes that the loungers in the little anterooms and corridors hastened in to find out what was the matter. Indifference to the stage is so common at the opera that I have seen on the drawing aisle of the hangings between a box and its annex parlor at the rear couples dancing to the notes of the best soloists, even of the admired Lehman herself; but on this occasion she commanded surprise and breathless attention, for she impersonated Venus, a role in this opera usually given to some minor singer, because she only appears briefly to tempt the hero. In her simulation of Venus, lack of garb, as well as her manner of allaring Tannhauser, Lehman certainly enforced the character into prominence; but society was instantly confronted with the question whether so entirely artistic a prima donna ought to be further entertained at home.

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They Really Must Git.

From the Wall Street News.

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"They must git."

"Why?"

"For twenty different reasons."

"Name one."

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Catarrh.

—Catarrh, on account of its prevalence in this country, is attracting a good deal of attention, more especially now when there is a probability of a visit from cholera, for where either is a muco-purulent discharge, such discharge forms a nidus very inviting to cholera germs, and very favorable for their reproduction in a more virulent form, thus placing sufferers from catarrh at a great disadvantage in the event of a cholera visitation. Catarrh is a contagious disease. It is a muco-purulent discharge, caused by the presence of a vegetable parasite in the lining membrane of the nose. These parasites reproduce themselves in great multitudes, and each generation is more virulent. They spread up the nostrils and down the fauces or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat, up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper function of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

The reason that catarrh has become so prevalent a disease is entirely due to the fact that it has not been understood. Physicians have been unanimous in treating it as a simple inflammation of the membrane and have signally failed to produce cures, but microscopic research has revealed the presence of the parasite, and now sufferers from this disease who appreciate the fact that it is by way of its secondary effects a most deadly one, will be glad to learn that a wonderfully successful treatment has been formulated, whereby the most aggravated cases of catarrh have been permanently cured in from one to three simple applications. The interesting pamphlet descriptive of this new treatment, from which we glean the above, is sent free to all applicants on receipt of stamp by A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada. —The Star 15

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The Mother's Vigil.

By Hugh Conway.

A wakeful night with stealthy tread
O'er weary day had crept,
As near her dying infant's bed
A mother watched and wept.
She saw the dews of death o'erspread
Thy brow so white and fair,
And bowing down her aching head,
She breathed a fervent prayer:

"O Thou," she cried, "a mother's love
Hast known—a mother's grief—
Bend down from starry heights above,
And send my heart relief.
Sweet lips that smiled are drawn in pain,
Yet rest his life may keep,
And give him to my arms again:
Oh, let my baby sleep!"

When sickly dawn a gleam had cast
Of light on night's black pall,
Through gates of heaven in mercy past
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