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Civic Notabilities, Phrenologically Sounded.

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The gentleman whom the Church of England prayer book has, up to a recent period, characterized as King Charles the martyr, had, it is said, no reason to complain of his decapitation, because *they ax't him whether he would or no*; happily it is only such reluctant martyrs to phrenological science as the Hon. A. S. (S.) Hardy, poor Mr. Caldwell, and a few other M.P.Ps. (who sought redress for *their* decapitation at the hands of Mr. Speaker) who can be said to have uttered any complaint on the subject. It is to be hoped therefore that our American cousin will not be of those who object to our making free with his upper storey. Making due allowance for the obstacle presented in this case, by the presence of an unusual amount of *thatch* in the hinder part of the head, it may be well to observe that it is that of a typical Yankee; the intellectual portion (necessarily including the perceptive faculties) is good; Mr. K. is decidedly firm; will not suffer from lack of self-esteem, nor will he be oppressed by a too sensitive conscience; he is quick, excitable, and pushing, and fairly fortified with caution; he possesses also good average reasoning power. The pressing demands on the time of American citizens, involved by the pursuit of the dollar, prevent their entertaining any such consideration as that relating to the laws of health; they therefore so far imitate the serpent as to bolt their food whole; fortunately for them, it is not necessary that they should first *fascinate* it; *unfortunately* for them, they are largely fascinated by it; hence that condition of body which resulted in our cousin fainting in Court. Mr. Kirkland's lingual organ is the tongue of a ready talker; he will seldom forget faces; he will work persistently for the accomplishment of any object he has in view; will experience no difficulty in effecting a rapid change of tactics; he will be keen in the pursuit of gain, and will be not less ready to spend money. Lastly and best, he will withal distil the crowning grace of kindness.