

of the "Survival of the fittest system." Their own sons are perfectly able to go out in the world and take care of themselves. The young American by virtue of his nationality and training is as precocious in matters practical as the young English gentleman is generally the reverse. The former moreover has the advantage of being in his own country and among his own people. It is well nigh impossible for the average American or Canadian to realize the position of such a young Englishman on first landing in America. He may, and probably will, be very kind to him but he will not understand him because he does not in the least understand the peculiar social life of England which produces this class of emigrant. The only harm of this is that it sometimes causes Americans to give spartan advice to English friends in the matter of sending young men abroad, when they are generally not qualified to do so for the reasons given above. Furthermore the ignorance that exists both in the older States and Canada among the mass of educated townsfolk with regard to farmers and farming, is greater than an Englishman accustomed to the prevalence and prestige of rural affairs in this country could conceive possible. And it is precisely this former class of American with which Englishmen come most in contact in Europe.

With regard to the "Survival of the fittest" doctrine in favour with many Americans and others, more especially when no responsibility is involved in the advice, we know there are plenty of young Englishmen of the class in question who have been landed in America with the proverbial half-crown, who have tramped about and got odd jobs here, there and everywhere, turned off as soon as done with, and battered from pillar to post. There are young men who have done this and survived, proud of the performance and perhaps justly so. We do not hear of the nine that collapsed; but the one who has succeeded with the confident generalizing of youth strongly urges the parental public not to pay farmers, planters, agents or anybody else anything, but to make the same experiment with their sons. We hardly know which is worst (we are alluding of course only to very young fellows) the physical

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