make visions to the last.   I am asking for samples of porcelain, at sixty-eight: what signifies what troubles we pursue? Philosophers make systems, and we simpletons collections, and we are as wise as they.   Wiser perhaps for we know that in a few years our rarities will be dispersed, at an auction, and they flatter themselves that this reveries will be immortal.   A curiosity may rise in value, a system is exploded. Which indeed of all the systems yclept philosophical that was   outside of   Revelation   has   not   proved   itself even more brittle than China?

<div align="right">COLLECTOR OF BROKEN BITS.</div>

Slang.

. Slang has been aptly termed, "a peculiar kind of vagabond language, always hanging on the outskirts of legitimate speech, but continually straying or forcing its way into the most respectable company."   Against this form of language a certain amount of prejudice exists, and as the purity and precision of our language is something to be scrupulously guarded, this prejudice is well founded and is worthy of encouragement.   Slang is the product of the individual.   Its motive is generally to distinguish the person by oddity or grotesque humor.   As this motive is in most cases a selfish one, it is not sufficient to clear slang from its associations, purify it and make it permanent.

A word about the origin of slang.   Some of the more common reasons for its invention are, a desire to replace a common word by a figurative expression ; a constant striving by some anthors for more delicate and subtile effects ; resulting in distortion of existing words ; a tendency to use diminutives and clip off final syllables.   Sport, both of former days and of our own day has made many contributions to our slang vocabulary, and many sport expressions have secured for themselves a recognized place in legitimate speech   "To ' wrestle' with a problem," " to reach a goal," " to run one's course," are now accepted in good English speech, though their standing at one time was no better than that of many of our slang expressions of to-day.   One of the best ex-