

THE "BEAUX MONDES" OF PARIS AND LONDON.

From London Society. It is now some months since one of the leading and most popular journals of the day directed the public attention to a very remarkable phase of society in Paris. It seems that a certain portion of the beaux mondes of that capital, impelled by an incredible impulse (whether for good or evil who can tell?) made advances to the demi monde, and both sought and obtained admission within the precincts of that society. It almost surpasses belief, that women of fair reputation, of good descent, and of high repute in the best Parisian society, should, for the sake of an idle curiosity, condescend to desire an acquaintance with the life, manners, and customs of a certain class of women whose position and circumstances denote the very reverse of purity and chastity, and who keep a kind of court which is attended by all the men of wealth and position between twenty and sixty. It is possible that the beaux mondes may have desired to solve the problem why there existed so great a disinclination for matrimony, and what those claims were which attracted so many from their homes and made them truant. They may have wished to reclaim some who had wandered from their allegiance, but it was a rash experiment, and one which nothing could justify. Their presence sanctioned that against which their whole life was, or ought to have been, a protest. They descended from their high position, and if they have sullied their own reputation they have no one to blame but themselves. If mere idle curiosity was their motive they were, of course, still more to be excused. We all know how fatal a gift curiosity is, and how much work it has worked. Our common mother Eve was not proof against it, and we are sufferers. How could they hope to escape its penalties if they were bent upon indulging it at all risks? But there is a much graver question underlying this peculiar phase of Parisian society. Is it that in France there is a different code of morals to that which prevails wherever Christianity is taught? Is it that French morality and French decency are names without a meaning, and that Paris is more honey-combed with vice than any other city? Is it that the Court is less pure or the general tone of society more corrupt? Is it that some influences are unknown or depreciated? It is a remarkable fact, when taken in combination with the flourishing condition of the demi-monde and the recognized "status" it has in Paris, that a French family is proverbially small; so much so that the contrary is looked upon as quite exceptional, which a French lady of our acquaintance spoke of as being *comme les Anglais*.

to reduce the law of both Church and State down to the very minimum of its letter is one of the prevailing faults of the age. The first promptings of the human intellect of the present day is to dispute, step by step, every demand which is made upon it in the name of authority; and we believe it to be this temper which tends to the severance of those ties and the depreciation of those maxims which are the bond and safeguard of society. There are certain usages and customs better known by the somewhat indefinite term of the *convenances* of society, which have become to some extent law, and have a prescriptive right to our respectful attention and consideration. Against these the mind of the present age is rebellious. Old customs and traditions are treated with the utmost contempt and set at naught, and in the manners of the rising generation there is expressed the most decided resistance to that delicacy of thought and consideration for others which formerly served to make men keep out of sight any infringement against good morals. It may be said that the motive was low—that it was a mere feeling of human respect, and, as such, of but little value; yet, even if so, it surely had the advantage over that most culpable disregard for appearances which leads to the public exhibition of vice. In the fact that men dare not associate publicly with vicious companions, there lies a protest on the part of society in general against their evil doings; but the moment they cease to restrain their conduct within due limits, and unblushingly pursue their course, and society still tolerates them and winks at their effrontery, there is no longer any safeguard against its utter demoralization. We owe a vast debt to those who have raised their voices in condemnation of the attitude of the *beau monde* towards the *demi monde* of Paris. We do not entertain the opinion held by some that it is better not to speak of these things, but simply to ignore them as if they did not exist; for if we have a serious malady, or a wound in any part of our bodies, we do not gain anything by pretending that we have it not; and we hold that it is, to say the least, unwise to shut our eyes to the fact that a revolution of an important character has taken place in society. In public matters there is nothing wrong in pointing out a scannal where it exists. To ferret out a neighbor's faults, and to expose them to the public gaze, is an infringement of the law of charity. But that which is a blot in the intercourse of individuals with each other, chameleon-like, changes its hue altogether when it becomes a question of nation against nation. National customs, national tastes, national faults, are a safe mark, for other nations to hit at pleasure. In the first place, what is national is more or less public property—there is no exposure of "secret faults;" and, in the second place, the principle of self-protection justifies it, because we may avert evil from ourselves by noting its existence and its ruinous consequences elsewhere. We may effect a kind of moral quarantine by which dangerous and polluting influences shall be kept at a distance. It becomes a matter of time, and to take warning from every false step which others make. We may thereby arrest the progress of evil at home, and expose the snares and pitfalls which lie concealed beneath a specious exterior; only let us be sure of one thing—that we are equally clear-sighted as to our own defects. "O wad some power the gittle gie us, To see ourselves as others see us; And foolish notions."

There is no fault in which we are more apt to fall than that of being keen to detect errors and shortcomings in others, and slow in discovering our own. As individuals we have no right to do so. But the law which is intended to seal the lips of those who are addicted to evil speaking has no such restrictive power where nations and the public good are concerned. It is said that, as a rule, no class of persons is so censorious as the highly cultivated, and the more so, perhaps, in the measure of their intelligence and morality; which tempts the virtuous to throw stones; and we are disposed to think that it is the tendency of all nations, but especially of Englishmen, to hold the customs, traditions, and manners of all other countries cheap. It is a matter of fact that, with all our national pride, we are, in many instances, the most servile copyists of the French, and it will be well for us to inquire whether the spirit of this century has not led us in the same direction as that which we so justly condemn in our neighbors. Are there any indications of a similar movement on this side of the Channel? Can we detect any signs and sounds of its advent among us? There is no wisdom in throwing dust in our own eyes; to be forewarned is to be forearmed, and we are inclined to think that there are sufficient grounds for apprehension. Not many years ago it would have been considered to be the very acme of indecency and impudence for any of the thoughtless young men who abound, more or less, in every capital to recognize, or to appear even to notice in public, any of those fair "unfortunates" who lie in wait "to hunt souls." They would have been distressed beyond measure at the idea that their mothers or sisters should suspect, much more know of their having formed any *liaison* so dangerous and irreparable. But such tenderness of conscience, such regard for the proprieties of life, scarcely remains. It is no uncommon thing for a young man to appear in the Park escorting a "celebrity" of this kind, and as he passes some lady of his acquaintance, to lift his hat in courteous recognition of her, as though there were nothing to be ashamed of in his companion. Nor is it rare for a popular character to appear at the Opera, exquisitely dressed, and with some pretense of modesty in her attire, in one of the most conspicuous boxes, surrounded by her admirers, whose relations witness their infatuation from the opposite tier. Nor is this all. The very names of these women have become so notorious that they are in the mouths of many of the fast young ladies of our *beau monde*. How they have come to such a knowledge let others tell; but they speak of them, of their "turn out," and their horse-manship, and note their dress and style, and can tell the "Skittles" ponies at a distance, and the precise hour at which she drives into the Park, how she wears her hat, so color as her horse and habit, and even go so far as to dress after her, taking their cue from her, as if they envied her power of attraction. It is notorious that many of the changes which we have witnessed of late years in hats and petticoats have originated from celebrities of this kind, and we fear it is an indication of a disposition on the part of our *beau monde* to take a leaf out of the book of the *beau monde* of Paris. There was also a symptom of a like tendency in the strange freak which so engrossed all our fine ladies a few years ago, when nothing would satisfy them but a night at Cremorne? They were possessed by a strange and most ill-advised curiosity to know something of its attractions, and to acquaint themselves with one of the popular haunts of the *demi monde*. It is true that our noble countrywomen shut

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