

THE OCTOBER MAGAZINES.

"LIPPINCOTT'S."

There are three illustrations in the October number of Lippincott's Magazine, two by English artists, to Anthony Trollope's novel, "The Vicar of Bullhampton," and one by Mr. E. B. Bessell of the story of "The Lonely Ones." Of these Mr. Bessell's is decidedly the best. The figures are full of character and expression, and the drawing is one of the finest that Mr. Bessell has yet produced. The engraving has been admirably done by Mr. Landersbach, and the picture does great credit to the magazine.

We quote the following paper, by Karl Blind, on "The Democratic Movement in France":

"There we have again the fickle French—that volatile set!" many a steady-going man will have exclaimed with ruffled temper at the issue of the late elections.

When, in February, 1848, they founded a republic in less than three days, they were pronounced a race of foolhardy go-heads. When, a few years later, they allowed themselves to be trampled down in that fatal December raid, they were derided as the government which they deserved. When they bore for years the Cæsarian incubus, people shrugged their shoulders contemptuously at such spiritless patience.

When a cry of insurrection now comes at least from all the great towns—some men feel vexed and proud at the sudden shock their favorite notions have received; and they fall back upon the old stock-in-trade, saying—Why, you can never know what the French will do next. Let us, however, take a glance at the situation.

A variety of causes has contributed to promote the present democratic resurrection. Within the last ten years France has been surrounded by a circle of fire. Contrary to Louis Napoleon's original plan, he had to found the new Empire on a popular initiative. The very failure of Italian democracy before Rome rebounded upon the Imperial system; it was too much for the French people to be thrice made "the soldier of the Pope."

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Neither was that which happened in Germany calculated to render the position of Louis Napoleon more comfortable. The "Glaucini" party were offended by the unexpected raising of a rival military power, and by the inefficiency, as they considered it, of the concession made in the Luxembourg quarter. The Democrats felt it as a sting that "liberty as in Austria" and in other South-German States should have taken the state of France.

From 1850 to 1858, Meantime, England's popular forces were brought up in the Reform movement; the earnest determination and the joyous tumult of those popular struggles could not but awaken an echo in the French nation. The Spanish revolution suddenly rose in revolution, driving out a dynasty with as much ease as if a mere spider's web had had to be brushed away.

South, north, east, west, on this and on the other side of the ocean, France found herself morally outflanked. There was more than could be brooked. The spell under which an awe-stricken people had lain so long began to dissolve.

A half-hearted attempt at conciliation, made by the decrees for the better treatment of the public press and for the restoration of some things like a right of meeting, turned out a blow to the government cause itself. It is a fact little known, but before those decrees, there were but two or three organs of the Democratic party in all the French provinces, and those were of a very inferior order.

gration worth speaking of, has in the same period not increased considerably. The number of births, moreover, diminished to such an extent that a French statistician of note declared the time not to be distant when, if things did not alter in this respect, the births would no longer suffice to cover the losses of the population.

It would lead too far to enter deeply into the causes of dissatisfaction connected with the financial affairs of the country. The new system of loans in France, introduced under Louis Napoleon, has, it is true, enabled large masses of the people to make small investments; and this has frequently been considered a guarantee of continued government influence. But the various speculations on the other hand, a guarantee to the holders for repayment under any government. As to the financial administration of the present regime, which has been hitherto practically irresponsible, the figures are simply appalling.

Already in 1855, Baron Richemont, who reported the name of the Committee on the Budget, complained of the State expenses being "double that which they had been under the First Empire!" The active State property had vastly decreased under Napoleon III, through the sale of railways, of forests, of lands and of possessions formerly held by the Orleans family, as well as by extraordinary clearings of wood in the State forests. Nevertheless, the extensive budgets annually fixed were year by year found to have been enormously exceeded.

The revolutions concerning the financial administration of the "Imperial Commission," which acts as an irresponsible communal council for Paris, are probably fresh in the memory of some readers. They came out in the Corps Legislatif. M. Hausmann himself, the great constructor of the capital, had to face his question. It was such a scandal that persons who might have been expected to hold together like burrs, began to indulge in mutual recriminations. The affair was smothered with difficulty.

Since then the republican press has agitated another financial point. In various comparisons are drawn between the salary of American Presidents and the civil list which Louis Napoleon had decreed to himself after he had converted his Presidency into an imperial tenure of power. The French civil list is at present the highest in the world. Under Louis Philippe it was twelve millions of francs. Under Louis Napoleon it is nominally twenty-five millions, not counting the dotations of the imperial princes and princesses. In reality, the civil list of the Emperor's present ruler amounts to more than forty or fifty millions of francs through the receipts from various domains attached to the Crown. Yet a few years ago the civil list was supposed to be charged with a debt of eighty millions of francs.

Now, in juxtaposition to the twenty-five or rather forty-two millions of francs which the Emperor receives annually, the democratic critics placed the "ridiculously small sum" of ninety-two thousand five hundred francs which are at the disposal of the President of the Republic. It was said that France must certainly be able to "pay for her glory," seeing that in eighteen years she had contrived to pay to Louis Napoleon four hundred and fifty millions, or more correctly speaking, seven hundred and fifty-six million of francs.

For the sake of even greater impression, the calculation above alluded to has been so worked out as to show the receipts of the Emperor by day, hour, and even minute. The effect on a popular mind is not to be overestimated. It is not to be wondered at that he was "a parvenu," and to whom he was often described by his agents as "the Peasant's Emperor" or "the Workingman's Friend," may be easily imagined.

If France had a regular system of popular education, the result of the recent elections would not have been an overwhelming defeat of Government. It is a telling fact that the "Map of the State of Public Instruction," which was drawn up a few years ago, and which indicates, by shades more or less dark, the intellectual condition of the different departments, should actually be a reliable guide for estimating the political forces of the Empire and those of the Opposition. Where education stands lowest, there the ruling power marshals most adherents. Where education stands highest, the adherents of Government are few and far between.

The departments in which the people are most instructed are those situated towards the German, Belgian, and Swiss frontiers, as well as the Department of the Seine, where the capital exercises its influence. In Alsace and Lorraine the state of public instruction is most satisfactory. It is worst in the ancient Bretagne. In the departments situated towards Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland only from two to nine per cent. of the married people were able to sign their names. In other parts of France, from sixty to seventy per cent. were unable to do so.

It is not to be wondered at that the chief military command in 1851, as some of its more fervent members then proposed, it would have been easy to arrest the President as it was afterwards easy for the President to arrest the leading members.

The intercourse between the private or non-commissioned officers and the popular classes of the present Government has endeavored to keep as much as possible. The mass of officers, from reasons well known in France, do not see much of society; they have therefore few opportunities of forming their political views. It is different with the more sedate officers who occupy the rank of colonel. They frequent the society of the higher middle class, and before their opinions are freely given, as they are considered bound not to divulge what they have heard. In times of great crisis they thus learn much, and discreetly watch the people on their march. Thus the colonel, together with the non-commissioned officers, have the bulk of the army practically in hand. The generals, who have little direct intercourse with the mass of the subalterns, count not for so much whenever an attempt is made to gain over the army to this or that side.

patient seat house, they combine the aptness of the English woman with the unassuming grace and vivacity of the French. As a rule, they err neither on the side of the *use* friffery of the continental, nor of the overstrained propriety of a certain class of British female. And the reason is simple enough. Their manners and characters—and very often their manners even—are natural. Their development is the result of natural causes with few unwholesome restrictions. Why, then, when they go abroad—why, in the name of all the gods—do they become such servile imitators of what is so far beneath them?

Perhaps when they travel—and late it has become necessary to the American as to the Bedouin to fold his arms—they may be misled. But why they do not choose the purer models of a not too pure society that they only see from the outside, must puzzle one who thinks a moment on the subject.

The war aim and struggle of the French woman's life is good taste. She is rarely a prudish, seldom a *bel esprit*; she may be neither over-brilliant nor too straight-laced; but she is at equal pains to hide her moral as her mental deficiencies, and she makes every effort on the *devis-monde*. In dress, in carriage, in style she strives to be its very antipodes. Why is it, then, that the proper American woman would unhesitatingly reject it?—at while the latter walks demurely through the streets of Paris in the gravest of dresses and drives in the plainest of wrappings, the former shows on the Avenue and in the Park in a costume that would inevitably excite comment, if not insult, in the best governed city of Europe?

GENERALITIES.
Sale of a Virginia Estate.
From the *Fredericksburg Herald*, Sept. 13.
"Arkivale," one of the finest estates in Virginia, lying about 10 miles from the city of Fredericksburg, and containing 2200 acres, was sold by Messrs. Taylor, Suttle & Conway, at public auction, in Alexandria, on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 o'clock, to the purchaser, at \$21 per acre. This property, together with the Richmond estate, about 1500 acres, and a flouring mill, were purchased by the late Charles Carter of this city. The purchase price was \$21,000, and was paid at the time, giving a balance of \$40,000. In 1820 the Richmond property and flouring mill were sold under a decree of the court, for between \$25,000 and \$27,000, being rebought by Mrs. F. Carter. It was sold on Friday under a decree of the Circuit Court, in the suit of A. M. Fitzhugh vs. Mary Ann Warren and others.

A Curious Bank Lock.
From the *Mechanics' Magazine*, Sept. 6.
One door of the vault of the Rochester Bank, which burglars unsuccessfully attempted to rob on the night of the 1st, has a very curious lock. It was invented and made thirty-two years ago by James Bennett, one of the first directors of the Rochester Bank, who was a very ingenious mechanic. It is said there is no other lock in the world like it. When an attempt was made to rob the bank in 1845, this lock was twice charged with powder and exploded, yet it did not give way, and it is in as good condition as when made. A correspondent writes:—"Many years since a locksmith came from New York to this place to sell, if possible, a bank lock, and he was accompanied by a man who gave him a key, which he assured the cashier he could pick in half an hour. He was promised that the bank would buy one of his locks if he could do so. The lock was brought to the door open, to give him the facility, and the key placed in his hand. He took his own time, and after several hours' hard work, without any progress, he concluded to go home, taking his own lock with him."

The Alaska Property Holders.
From the *Alaska Times*, July 30.
Much excitement and uneasiness have existed among our citizens for some time, owing to the fact being known that the General commanding the Department had received orders to take possession of, and hold, for the use of the United States, all property within this Territory not private individuals' or corporations' at the time of the cession of the Territory to the United States by Russia. With the exception of some seventeen buildings, the title to all the real property of citizens, and of the Russian American Company, is further rumored that officials high in position at Washington have decided that the Russian-American Company is not private individuals' within the terms of the treaty, and that it should therefore have been turned over to the United States, but as it is not, it should now be taken on behalf of the United States.

The Virginia Drouth.
The oldest inhabitant has scarcely a recollection of any period when the drouth was so great or prolonged. The summer has passed, and one of the most autumn nearly has followed, and a section of country hundreds of miles in extent has been visited by a drouth of such severity, that the crops have withered and died, the parched earth has refused to yield grain for man or grass for beast, springs have dried up, river bottoms are empty, and everywhere a cry goes up for water. Cities and villages without an abundant supply of the priceless fluid have been put on short rations. The arid sands of Africa can hardly be regarded as parched and barren, because some sections of Virginia and North Carolina, in those sections most severely visited, much suffering must prevail or be alleviated by kindness. While the crops wither and the people suffer, we confidently anticipate copious showers. Denied abundant rains and a very luxuriant vegetation, the entire South is in a state of drouth, and the people are suffering. The law of compensation is here seen in force and beauty.—*Norfolk Herald*, Sept. 15.

The Great Sussex Fire.
We published a week ago an account of a terrible fire, which had broken out in the town of Worcester county, Md., and Sussex county, in this State. The *Sussex Journal*, of the 11th inst., has the following additional particulars:—"Some weeks ago a fire broke out in the Cypress swamp lying in the centre of the lower part of this county and Worcester county, Md. The surface of this swamp is composed of a light-colored, highly combustible growth, which when dry is highly inflammable, and is from one to four feet deep. This chaffy surface has been burning about three weeks, and has covered six or seven hundred acres. The progress of the fire is not rapid, but as the surface of the ground is burning, of course forests and fences are consumed, and the crops are destroyed. The fire is burning in a regular way, and it is impossible to tell how great the loss is of life and property at this writing, or to form any calculation as to the final result. Several families who lived on the edges and high portions of the swamps have been brought to the town of Worcester county, Md. Mr. W. J. Carter, Mr. J. H. Hearn, and many others have been seriously damaged. It was estimated that one million bushels of huckleberries grew in the swamp last year. We can say to the lovers of this fruit, that the crop will be far short of one hundred bushels. The fire is raging from the Pocomoke, near Shreve Hill, in Dagenorth county. Drouth has been resorted to in some places for the purpose of saving houses and barns, but such a body of fire at a time when the earth is parched and dry is really terrible."

Cost of Victualing a Club.
The *Poll Moll Gazette* says:—"A correspondent sends us some particulars in support of the view, which is advanced in an article, wide of a club, including, perhaps, seventy servants, falls on the members who use the club for refreshment. 'It is not to be wondered at that a club account before the month of July last, 1868; but this makes no difference. In any club balance-sheet, set forth as it should be, one can see the fact. Here is the account of the Reform Club, prepared in 1867 for the preceding year. The refreshments consumed in the club cost as follows:—Provisions, 2911; wine, beer, spirits, 2484; total, 5395. The food and the drink consumed by the seventy servants of the club are comprised in these sums, which are not added, as they are received from members of the club for refreshments, namely:—For provisions, 2774; for wine, beer, spirits, soda water, 2599; total, 5373, which leaves a deficiency of 2 on the whole account, of about 5 per cent. It is rarely that a club can get out at 5 per cent. Sometimes, even, it is more than 5 per cent. There is an account of a restaurant, in which a member of the club, who is also proprietor, then the two ends would meet. As it is, the theory of all clubs is that they should meet, and as a matter of fact they very rarely do so."

The Boston Coliseum.
This immense structure, minus a large part of its roof and a portion of its ends, presents a sad appearance still, the workmen engaged in repairing the damages, with a view to rebuilding the building complete again, making slow progress. The ruins occasioned by the late gale are piled up by the cord, but the work of repair has commenced. Probably three weeks will elapse before the Coliseum will be restored to its original shape. The amount of labor to be performed is large, and necessarily slow and costly. The appearance of the building is decidedly a gloomy one, and is in strange contrast with the days when its great interior was filled with inspiring song, and even the brilliant parties of the same general air of festivity.—*Boston Traveller*.

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