

SOCIETY IN ENGLAND.

Circles That Are Not Open to Mere Men of Money.

Arise—the Nobles Who Are Above Associating with Wealthy Americans Because of Their Financial Emulства.

There is a marked difference between the main body of the Americans who annually invade London nowadays and those who used to be seen years ago. Time was when the traveling Americans did not care for society, preferring to do the sights as speedily as possible and hurry off to other show places.

There is a class of nobleman among the English aristocracy who are above any and all outside influences altogether—men whom gold does not dazzle. I regard them as the highest type of nobility in every sense, and I consider the duke of Northumberland as a striking instance of the sort of man I mean.

RAINFALL AND POPULATION.

The Growth of the Latter Depends on the Former.

The results of the last census have shown that the distribution of the population in the United States is regulated by the abundance or scarcity of rain.

Greatest density is found where forty to fifty inches of rain fall yearly, the number of inhabitants in such districts being fifty-nine per square mile.

The dry regions of the east, where less than twenty inches fall in a year, which includes two-fifths of the territory, contain actually less than three-hundredths of the people of the states.

These figures show that, as might naturally be expected, in the variety of climatic conditions found in the great expanse of territory constituting the United States those most favorable to increase the number of inhabitants are a moderate temperature and a moderate annual rainfall.

Singers of the Plains.

People who have read about the rough manners of cowboys will be surprised to know that they are habitual singers of hymns, and the strangest feature is that they sing the cattle to sleep.

COULD NOT TOLERATE A LIE.

A Great French Writer, Politician and Republican Philanthropist.

Victor Schoelcher, the eminent writer, politician and republican philanthropist who died lately in France, after an honorable life of nearly ninety years, was always noted for the rigid sincerity of his principles and his acts.

She had obtained in Belgium certain valuable laces which she could easily carry out of sight, and she remarked to the boy that she was not going to declare them to the French custom house authorities.

"But, mother," said Victor, "not to declare them would be wrong!" "Never you mind," she said, "it would be foolish to declare them. The duty on them is enormous and the inspectors will never know anything about them. I shall say nothing about them."

When the custom house man came Mme. Schoelcher declared that she had nothing dutiable. The inspector thought he saw a shocked look in the boy's face.

"What is it?" said he to Victor. "Oh, sir," said the boy, "I think mother has some Belgian laces that she ought to pay duty on."

The laces were produced and the duty paid. Mme. Schoelcher, instead of being angry, declared that she was proud of having so honest and truthful a boy.

Not only did he never learn to lie, but he had a quick eye for dishonesty of character in others. As a deputy he voted to permit the return of Louis Napoleon to France, believing that the time had come for universal forgiveness. Louis Napoleon read a speech thanking the deputies and full of apparently frank protestations of fidelity to the republic.

"I watched him through my glass," he said, "and his paper never trembled in his hand. He is too cool to be an honest man. We shall have occasion to regret his coming into the country."

HE WAS A PHILADELPHIAN.

Notwithstanding Which Fact He Made a Good Bargain in New York.

"Talk about Philadelphians being slow," said an up-town dealer in rare books to a New York Evening Sun man; "why, I'll tell you about a little incident that happened the other day. A Philadelphian who has a nice private collection of rare engravings and etchings came to this city on a visit and was almost stranded financially before he knew it. An ordinary man would have written or telegraphed home for cash. But this one didn't. He was strolling down Broadway, undecided whether to continue his walk as far as Philadelphia or not, when he came to a little shop where engravings and etchings are sold.

"His mania for collecting forced him to enter the shop and examine the stock, although he didn't have money enough to buy a fair-sized chromo. Turning over a number of etchings and engravings lying upon a sort of bargain table at the rear of the shop he came across a fine copy of the celebrated Ranjon portrait of Tennyson, of which he had a highly prized specimen in his own collection. Thinking it strange that the etching should be lying among the other cheap objects on the table he asked its price of a clerk.

"Take it along for a quarter," said the clerk. "All right," said the Philadelphian, rolling up the etching and paying over the money.

"Shall I wrap it up for you?" asked the clerk. "Oh, no; you needn't mind," and the Philadelphian walked off with his prize. He did not walk far, though. Stopping at a well-known engraving dealer's shop not four blocks away the Philadelphian man offered the etching for sale.

"Twenty-five dollars," was the offer of the dealer. The Philadelphian man accepted the money, although it was but a little more than half the price at which the Ranjon portrait is catalogued, and went his way. He had paid all the expenses of his New York trip at one stroke."

HIS IMITATION TOO GOOD.

Just Retribution Visited Upon a Frolicsome Pennsylvanian.

A well-known resident of Manayunk has the reputation of being the best imitator of the calls of birds or beasts in the city. His imitation of the caterwauling of a Thomas cat, says the Philadelphia Record, is simply irresistible, and when he gets out into the back yard for practice all the felines for squares are soon gathered in close proximity. A few nights ago he came to grief in an effort to have some fun with a crabbed neighbor. About 11 o'clock he stationed himself outside of a board fence surrounding the man's residence and began meowing in a low tone, gradually rising, until a high C note was perfected. In a few minutes the window was raised and sundry articles were thrown in the direction of the supposed night howler. The howl then increased in volume, finally reaching the ear-cracking quality. The aroused neighbor could stand the racket no longer, and, stepping downstairs, opened the door quietly, slipped out, seized a clothes-prop and made for the vicinity of Mr. Thomas, who at that time poked his head above the fence and received a stunning blow, which knocked him insensible. He was carried home and revived with stimulants.

Harper's Weekly.

Julian Ralph has gone to Korea in the interest of Harper's Weekly and Harper's Magazine. He will meet in Yokohama C. D. Weldon, the well-known American artist, now a resident of Japan, and illustrated reports from the seat of war will soon begin to appear in the Weekly. The Number of September 12th contained an interesting letter from Mr. Ralph, written en route and mailed from Vancouver.

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