

DRIFT.

WHAT are we coming to? The omnipresent "interviewer" has indeed long been weeping...

It was claimed that prohibition had "killed" Des Moines, Iowa. Last year it spent \$5,000,000 for improvements more than all the anti-prohibition cities of Iowa put together.

At a big gathering of Spiritualists in Louisville, Ky., the other day, a tomb-stone was thrown into the camp by a skeptic offering to wager from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that the medium could not answer the question whether a certain missing man had been killed at a given place.

Those who cannot get swayed by the gladstone scheme for Ireland pay the highest tributes of praise to Gladstone. Admiring the worker, they will soon esteem the work.

We knew it was coming and we had a suspicion that Senator Logan would be its mouthpiece. This latter misfit statesman declares that "all the present trouble in the business of the country and all the dissatisfaction among the laboring classes were directly traceable to the ascendancy of the Democratic party controlled the reins of the government."

As it is, this curiously interesting, unpleasantly interesting, record of the unfortunate or disagreeable traits of authors, will soon have to be revised, probably republished annually with a new appendix every year.

I was conversing with an author who has made for himself quite a name in the leading literary circles of the country. He is a third, or perhaps second rank of American novelists. He will, however, never be either a Howells or a Cable.

It is but just to this author to note, however, that his vanity has not yet led him to bandy any of his books with his portrait, nor virtually to dedicate them to himself, nor to write any obituary for them, nor to yet to make himself the hero of them, and so fill them with himself and his praise that the reader is left more than half-impaired with the sole purpose of glorifying the author and his deeds.

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exclaimed he, "you must see it! I'll send you a copy of the paper containing it."

That, by the way, is the lowest of all forms of vanity which prides itself on mere personal success. It is the desire to be found in men and women of all classes in some in whom it ought to be most impossible and least tolerated. For it is always a sure sign that the person has nothing else to pride himself on, and that he is a man of no other merit than a kind of last resort of vanity.

What must one think then of a minister of the gospel who prides himself on his own and shapes his feet with his own hands to keep a new pair of boots on all Saturday night, because they fit him so tightly he cannot get them off, and he would be unable to get them on in time for preaching on Sunday morning? Imagine what his sermon must have been that morning!

Here endeth the lesson on vanity.

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mightily senatorial Junta and the Liberal Republican revolt of 1852; with the Grant administration, the electoral college, the Hayes regime, and the famous Chicago convention of 1860—what more momentous epochs in the history of our own party politics? What more conspicuous actors in this historical drama tells of them; and who can at this brief distance speak of his opponent and hated rival, Mr. Lincoln, as a man who in 1859, "by intellectual force, by ardent zeal and by common recognition, was the master mind of the party, the leader of the great forces, and of his party."

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The authorities of the Louisville & Nashville railroad seem to be responsible for the bloodshed at St. Louis, because of their advertising for men of "grit" to guard their property, whom they caused to be sworn in as deputy sheriffs, and armed with Winchester rifles.

The benefit of the doubt. We prefer to give the collector of the port in San Francisco the benefit of the doubt raised by his denial of any discourtesy practiced to the incoming new Chinese ambassador.

Our Telegraphic Press Service. The Associated Press, which still occasionally does a good thing, takes a little crow to itself for having transmitted to its newspapers the Gladstone speech, which was made in ample time for complete reports to the American morning journals.

There are 12,000 volumes in the Friends' library in Germantown, and not one work of fiction among them. It must be very hard to be a good Friend.

A Strange Divorce Question. In the English court of appeal has just been concluded a remarkable trial in which the question at issue was: Can a dead man be divorced by law? Under the English law a decree nisi for divorce is granted, and the divorce is not completed until six months afterwards.

As to Prison Inspectors. If there is to be a new jail built this year or next year it is highly important to the public interest that only first-class men—able, intelligent and far-seeing—be selected to the prison board.

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