LAST CHANCE FOR ART—HOW TO START A "MUSEE."

New York has good cause to mourn the recent decease of Mr. Henry Keep, railroad operator and millionaire; for, had his life been lenged for a year or two, the city would have been adorned and benefited by an institution whereof there is abundant need, though no small present hope of its establishment. The subject is by no means devoid of interest; and we write of it with entire knowledge of the facts.

It was the purpose of Mr. Keep—as we have heard from his own lips—to devote a million of dollars to the promotion of artistic taste in this community. To this end, he proposed to build an edifice, on a grand scale, suitable for the permanent exhibition of works of art. As to the mode of filling it with such works, he had implicit belief that other men of wealth and liberality would, when it was built, hasten to offer their contributions. Herein Mr. Keep may, or may not, have erred in judgment. To that point we shall probably return, and, in the mean time, only pause to remark, that he declared himself equally willing to expend his own million upon pictures and statuary, if any other person or persons would expend a like amount upon the edifice. But his original idea was not only a serious one—he began to carry it out. For the destined site, he bought a plot of ground, with a frontage of two hundred feet on the Fifth avenue, and occupying the entire space between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, to the depth of one hundred and fifty feet. A finer or more appropriate situation could not have been selected. Being subsequently offered a very large advance upon the price that he had paid for this ground, Mr. Keep declined to enter into any negotiation concerning it, alleging as his reason that he had made the purchase for a specific object. And he went further still. Within a few months past, in spite of the pressure of exacting occupations and the drawback of impaired health, he attentively and approvingly studied an elaborate design submitted to him by an able architect—a design remarkable at once for its beauty and fitness. Nevertheless, he still postponed, from time to time, the coming to any definite conclusion—now, with his well-known shrewdness, dwelling upon the current high prices of labor and material; now, with the sensitiveness of a noble and generous instinct, lamenting that more than one of his brothers in wealth had thrown cold water upon his project. Time, however, waits for no man; neither does disease. Mr. Keep's waning life flickered out, and his useful and honorable career was closed ere his prime of years was past, and ere his cherished fancy was converted into brick and marble.

Given a million of dollars; how can they be turned to good account? Mr. Keep's proposed disposal of them we stigmatize as a mistake. A commanding site and a sumptuous structure are not requisite. The Astor Library is none the less a public boon and ornament, because it does not front on Broadway or the Fifth avenue, and is built of brick, not of stone or marble. Half, or certainly two-thirds of a million ought to provide an edifice, conveniently placed, of ample dimensions, and in all respects suitable. For, not only might there be an immense saving so far as regards locality and material—portions of the interior might be left unfinished in the first instance, without detracting from the general effect. Several hundreds of thousands of dollars would thus be left for the purchase of works of art—not enough, it is true, to procure many original masterpieces, ancient or modern, were many or any such in the market, but quite enough, if judiciously disbursed, for an attractive beginning in the effort to fill a gap. We know very well how "copies" are associated with certain ghastly reminiscences, that deface the parlors of not a few tourists returned from their travels. Nevertheless, great pictures are sometimes copied so skillfully and so perfectly, that it is hard to discriminate between the imitation and the original. Europe abounds in unhackneyed gems, that well merit being duplicated. To them, after this fashion, would we see devoted a portion of the available gift. There would still be something left for well-culled specimens of existing schools, not forgetting our own native American. The auction-marts and sales-rooms of Paris, the Hague, Vienna, Munich, Madrid Brussels and London, might be searched, for a season or two, with good results. Here a finely-chiselled bronze might also be picked up; there a rare bit of carving in ivory. Nothing that was artistic and unique would come amiss, variety being indispensable. Only, it should be distinctly understood that every purchase must be made with reference to its destined wall or niche. To gather together a heterogeneous mass of objects, in ignorance of their ultimate disposition, is almost as serious a mistake as to erect a vast museum, in all uncertainty as to means of filling it. To blend and arrange is an art in itself.

Much more might be said; but we must limit ourselves to a very few further words concerning the probability of subsequent and continued donations, if such an institute were successfully set on foot. We have supposed liberality turning aside from dreariness and vacancy. But there is a mode of inviting, even of tempting donors. For the most part, being human, they do not care to hide their lights under bushels. Few men would be found offering additions, if these were to be huddled up in the general display. Rooms of varying size, including some of very small dimensions, should therefore be laid out and reserved for the separate and respective use of munificent contributors. Thus each, as he came forward with full hands, might stock his own compartment, as it were, according to his own peculiar preference or fancy—always provided that the offerings were of sufficient excellence and of such character as to warrant their admission within the walls, and sufficient in amount to justify such an appropriation of space. In that case, there would be no objection to blazoning conspicuously over the door: "The Contents of this Room are the Gift of Mr. ——." Do not necessarily associate huge halls and endless galleries with visions of an Art-Institute.—*Appleton's Journal.*

Women in China.

[Correspondence of the Alta California.]

In my travels I had not seen a truly beautiful woman until I entered these valleys (Tsing-te and Techfu). Here, like the men, they exceed in stature the surrounding races, and in face and figure are the antipodes of their Mongolian neighbors, if we except the tortured feet. Here, as in China, this custom prevails, and their hobbling gait is rendered still more grotesque and awkward by their large size. The possessors of the artificially clubbed feet seem to be morbidly sensitive when their feet are made the subject of conversation; and when I entered a room the females would never move from their position, but would welcome me sitting. Ah Tuck, one night, thinking that I might think this an act of discourtesy, explained the cause. He said that many centuries ago, caravans from the West trafficked in their own flesh and blood, bringing their daughters (who were very beautiful) for barter or sale, disposing of them without compunction to the highest bidder. In this way they profited by their pilgrimage, always finding a ready market for their wares. The Emperor at last finding that the females of native parentage were no longer thought of as wives when one from the West could be obtained, passed an edict prohibiting this sale within the limits of the empire, making the penalty of transgression death; but as he had several presented to him afterwards, which he retained, this method of evading the letter of the law was adopted by his subjects, until La Ting, the daughter of the Emperor by a native wife, finding herself neglected by her husband, who preferred the quasi-gift of a Western merchant to herself, united with other strong-minded women of high degree, who alike suffered from the invasion of their marriage privileges, in expostulating (after the style of women) with the Emperor against the evasion of his edict, and prayed that it should be enforced according to its intention, the total exclusion of the Western belles either by sale or gift, which they claimed were the same, being the exchange of a so-called present on receiving its market value as an equivalent. They also required the banishment of all those who had been smuggled after its promulgation, under the guise of presents, for the sake of domestic peace. The former clause the Emperor sanctioned; but as the latter wrung his own withers, it was rejected. Our valleys being out of the active jurisdiction of the Empire, still continued to patronize the fathers of the West in their traffic of daughters, until they found a better market with the Persians and Turks; but this was long after their exclusion from within the walls of the Empire. The effect you have seen in the southern portions of the Empire—the race is puny; there they never intermarried with foreign nations. In the North, the traffic with the Western caravans continued for two centuries, and you find the people on the Yang-tse and Hoang Hu a better class physically and mentally, and our own people of Tech-fu and Tsing-te a great improvement on them. This we owe to our purchased western mothers, who have bequeathed to us more than the principal and interest of the purchase money, with its stigma, in our heirship of physical and mental superiority. As you perceive, we have retained many of the customs of our ancestors of the Empire. Among others, the compression of the feet of our female children. You call it a deformity, both absurd and cruel. Our women agree with you, and love you for advocating their cause for its abolishment, and have gone so far as to disclaim their relationship with the female department of the Empire, ignoring their paternal customs in favor of their maternal and loose slippers, which they now advocate with a high hand, refusing to rise when we entertain guests, and neglect the most active of their household duties. Indeed, they are in open rebellion, and refuse to swathe the feet of their daughters, in defiance of our threats of adopting the customs of their maternal forefathers in making them chattels, and selling them within the walls.

CITY BULLETIN.

DOINGS OF A DRUNKEN POLICEMAN.—Michael Morgan, a policeman of the Eleventh District, got on the outside of a considerable quantity of whisky yesterday afternoon, and in consequence thereof he performed some deeds which are not presented in the Police Manual as part of a policeman's duty. He went into a beer saloon on America street, above Columbia avenue, and began to break tumblers, &c. This was not very agreeable to the bartender, an old man, and he remonstrated, whereupon he was seized by Morgan and struck on the head with a "billy." At this point a young man, who was present, put in the remark—"That is shameful." Morgan at once turned upon him. The young man ran, and was pursued along Berks street and down Third, when Morgan drew a pistol and fired a shot at the fugitive, but fortunately missed the mark. Morgan then entered the North Pennsylvania Railroad depot, but, on account of his conduct, was ordered out by the officers of the Company. Then he drew his revolver and threatened to shoot, but failed to carry out his threat. He was then taken to the Station-House by two of his fellow policemen, and by order of Lieut. Pritchard was locked up all night. This morning he was arraigned before Ald. Heins, and was held in $800 bail for a further hearing. Lieut. Pritchard then informed him that his services as a policeman were no longer needed, and reported the facts to the Mayor, who at once confirmed the dismissal.

A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR.—The first of the series of private balls to be given by the Junger Männerchor during the approaching winter came off last night at Handel and Haydn Hall, and was a brilliant and successful affair. The attendance of members and their ladies was large. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up until a late hour. Mr. Henry Van Beil acted as Master of Ceremonies, and his excellent management contributed greatly to the success of the hop. Supper was served by J. Misch, Superintendent of the Junger Männerchor Hall. Everything passed off in the most agreeable and satisfactory manner, and all of the participants in the affair enjoyed themselves to the greatest extent possible. The next ball will take place at Musical Fund Hall, in December.

A USEFUL INVENTION.—An invention by which the sudden jerk, or "kick," as steersmen call it, caused by a blow of a wave upon the rudder of a vessel, is entirely obviated, has recently been introduced. The "Reliever" is constructed on the principle of the cylinder and piston, having an india rubber or steel spiral springs, on which the piston head rests. When the instrument is shackled on to a chain and a strain is brought to bear, the piston draws out in a similar way to the bar of a spring balance. The testimony of experienced sea-captains who have adopted this "Reliver" is uniformally favorable. Fewer men are required at the wheel in rough weather, and the danger of breaking the rudder chains from the sudden jerks of the rudder is done away. The invention is well worthy of the attention of all shipmasters.

SINGULAR MISTAKE.—An elderly lady fell dead at Nineteenth and Coates streets yesterday afternoon. The deceased was supposed to be Mrs. Catharine Callahan, aged 102 years, and her son had the body sent to her home, at Twentieth and Coates streets. After its arrival there, the body was found not to be that of Mrs. Callahan, and it was then taken in charge by the Coroner. Mrs. Callahan, it was ascertained, much to the gratification of her friends, is enjoying excellent health, and is at the residence of her son, in the lower part of the city, where she has been on a visit for several days.

GROCERY STORE ROBBED.—Paist's grocery store, No. 1141 Hanover street, was entered through the transom a night or two since. The thieves got from the yard a large basket and packed it with ham, dried beef, sausages and fresh meats. They took from the money-drawer some pennies and a pocket-book containing valuable papers. The next morning the basket, with the pocket-book lying on top of it, was found in the yard of a house about a half square distant. The ham and beef were gone, but the rest of the stolen things were left in the basket.

THE VISITING COUNCILMEN.—The delegation of the Cincinnati City Councils, accompanied by a committee of our City Councils, took carriages provided by Mr. A. Reimer, this morning at 10 o'clock, and started on a tour of inspection of the different gas works belonging to the city. To examine into the operations of the gas works is the main object of the visit of the Cincinnatians to this city. The remainder of the day will probably be consumed in making these examinations, and the visitors will leave the city to-night.

FELL DEAD.—An unknown white woman, aged 70 years, fell dead at Nineteenth and Coates yesterday afternoon. She is five feet high; her hair is gray, mixed with black, and she had a set of false teeth. She had on a red-striped calico dress, woolen pulse-warmers, black knit shawl, with purple border, small broche shawl, dark maroon-colored hood and black alpaca apron. The body was sent to the office of Cyrus Horne, No. 23 North Eleventh street, to await identification.

UNSUCCESSFUL BURGLARS.—Last night, about half-past eleven o'clock, an attempt was made to enter Moore's grocery store, at Shippen and Deak streets, by forcing open a window-shutter on Deak street. The thieves were frightened off by Policeman Reiggs, who gave chase, but lost the fugitives in some of the numerous alleys with which that neighborhood abounds.

STOLEN BOOTS.—Lewis Kline was arrested, on Ridge avenue, near Poplar street, at two o'clock this morning. He had in his possession four pairs of fine boots and a pair of ladies' shoes, which are supposed to have been stolen. He will have a hearing at the Central Station this afternoon.

FRIGHTENED OFF.—An attempt was made to enter the liquor store of Mrs. Young, at Nineteenth and Christian streets, between four and five o'clock this morning, but the burglars were frightened off by a policeman.

ACCIDENT.—Richard Johnson had an ankle broken by being caught in the wheel of a wagon, at Ridge avenue and Coates street, this morning. He was taken to his home, No. 1836 Master street.

LARCENY OF SHOES.—Thomas Mauley, hailing from Baltimore, was arrested yesterday afternoon for the larceny of a lot of shoes from a store at Second street and Girard avenue. He was committed by Ald. Eggleton.

SLIGHT FIRE.—Souder's lager-beer saloon, on Vine street below Third, was slightly damaged by fire about 8.15 o'clock this morning.

"MAKING HASTE TO BE RICH."—This is the subject of one of the greatest sermons ever delivered by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. It will appear in to-morrow's *Commercial List and Price Current.*

Taine, the Critic, on English Philosophy.

The recognition of the fact that there is a school of philosophy at all in England is so very rare abroad that the *Pall-Mall Gazette* makes no excuse for quoting from a notice in the *Débats* of a French translation of Mr. Mill's book on Sir William Hamilton's "Philosophy." M. Taine, the writer of the article, says:

"To our mind, the only living and original philosophy in Europe is to be found at the present day in England. Mr. Bain, Mr. Herbert Spenser [*sic*], and, above all, Mr. Stuart Mill, are its principal representatives. . . . Not to speak of the literary part, I do not think I have read, since the 'Provincial Letters of Pascal,' a polemical book more powerful, a work of analysis and of logic more concise, more persistent, more thorough-going (*acharnée*), more adapted to convince, and at the same time more loyal and more filled with the love of pure truth. But besides this very great merit, the book has one yet greater; it is full of ideas which are clear, original, and often new. . . . If, in such a matter, one may be allowed to speak of oneself, I may mention that this is the book which I have studied most for the last two years."

Unless our memory deceives us, it is not so very many years ago that M. Taine discovered that a living English school of philosophy existed (see the beginning of his essay on "Stuart Mill"), and after such praise as we have just quoted one is encouraged to hope that the author of the "History of English Literature" may some day discover that there exists a modern English School of art as well as one of philosophy.

Managing a Horse.

Sir Walter Scott remarks, in one of his novels—"Waverley," if we remember rightly—that "there are few young men, among sturdy moralists even, who would not rather be accused of some moral peccadillo than of want of skill in horsemanship." In England, especially, this observation applies with great force. The latest illustration of it is offered by Mr. Sydney Dobell, poet, who having lately met with a severe accident when riding, has addressed a note to the *Athenæum* with a view of correcting any erroneous impressions that might have arisen regarding his horsemanship. He says, in substance, that he has been accustomed to the saddle from childhood, and that the hurt received by him was from the weight of an unruly mare, which fell upon him. It seems that the animal had tried to shake him off, but, failing to do so, had reared up and fallen back on her rider—one of the most dangerous tricks known to horsemen. Several plans have been resorted to for the cure of this vice when it has become a confirmed one. Among them is that of leaping off the horse, and, just as he has got himself balanced on his hind legs, sending him over backwards by a judicious chuck at the bridle. This, however, requires greater activity and presence of mind than are possessed by most riders. Another plan, which has been successfully tried, is that of striking the horse between the ears with the butt of a heavily loaded whip at the moment of rising; the blow, if properly administered, bringing him to the ground partially stunned. This is said to prevent a horse from ever trying the trick again; but a safer plan, and one reported as being equally efficacious, is to use a bottle of water for the purpose instead of a whip. This does not stun the horse, but he is so much annoyed by the water running into his ears and eyes as to be cautious in future about making a biped of himself.

Wants Another Wife.

Ka-besh-co-da-way, is in want of one more wife, having now but three, and offers the following inducements through the *Tribune:*

"He said that in case we should hear of any worthy white lady who might be at all disposed to consider the propriety of becoming one of his better halves, we might say to her that he has a good, large, warm house, built for him by his Great Father; that he has always been kind to, and has never yet struck any of his present wives; that he would treat a white wife very kindly and considerately; that he would divide with her his property, and that he and his other wives would give her the very nicest and best of everything that could be had to eat, and that they would do everything in their power to make her contented and happy in her new home. In reply to another question of ours, as to whether he considered that his stock of love was large enough to distribute to a good advantage among so many wives, he simply said, 'Ka-besh-co-de-way's heart is big.'"

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