BY PERCIVAL BECKET, M. E. In reviewing ancient history, especially that of the Greeks and Romans, the student cannot fail to be struck at the gradual attainment and sudden diminution of power each nation experienced, and often wonders at the cause; since their power having been so great, they having been so far advanced in civilization, the arts and sciences, should have fallen as it were headlong into the gulf of obscurity—a fall not only felt by themselves, but also by other semi-civilized

When we look at the advance of civilization in those so-called Dark Ages, we find that most nations were indebted to the Romans for their rise from batbarism to civilization, and although we are apt to look upon some of the acts of the Roman Emperors and Generals with horror or n with ridicule, yet if we inquire more fully into the matter, we may find ourselves mistaken. Nearly all their conquests were material benefit to the conquered countries, since they introduced invariably some mark of their incoming by endeavoring to raise their barbarous enemies on a level with themselves in arts and sciences. Look at the path of their victorious legions; although the ground be literally whitened with the bleached skulls of their victims, yet we see that the remaining people endeavored to emilate or copy what they had seen their victors perform, not only as a safeguard to inselves, but also acting as it were from hine at their own ignorance.

After all the Roman greatness, their power, pomp, splendor, and magnificence; they fell, and through effeminacy, when their mind was taken from their conquests, arts, and sciences: they looked at themselves and pride took the place of their better qualities.

The Roman youth endeavored to gain the dmiration of the weaker sex, not by learned admiration of the weaker sex, not by learned attainments, not by military excellence, not by valor; but by foppery, ludicious absurdaties, lovesick poems, and instead of engaging in the grand feats of strength, bravery and might, in the great Olympic games, their dress was their sole object, their appearance, their mincing walk, and swaggering gait their sole endeavor. What was the consequence? Their minds became weak quence? Their minds became weak. their valor a nonentity, their agility a thing forgotten. The noble lion-hearted minds of their fathers gone, and a cur's heart reigned in their breasts; and when in an evil hour the enemy came, where were their men of might, their men of valor? Gone! Rome sunk, and all her noble grandeur paled, her glorious conquests forgotten, and she fell

never to rise again. The idolatrous ceremonies and belief of the Romans helped materially their woeful downfall; but still their luxurious excesses, and total digregard to the rights of manhood and dulies of life helped to swell the list of-

The present age when contrasted with by gone days cannot help but show a similarity to the inquiring mind. Let us take our own blessed country as an example. E. Pluribus Unum is perfectly correct, for we have risen in not only one out of many, but literally from nothing, and have attained in a very short time the rank of a Christian and a powerful nation, a nation high in arts and science, a nation high in religious morality, and what is more, high in the esteem of the world. Whilst we have been plodding and endeavoring to attain this grandeur, we have had no time to think of our pride, but now when we stand and as an equal if not the first in the rank of civilized nations, we do not still endeavor to rise higher, but we rest on our oars, and are slowly drifting. Where? Look at our noble and patriotic forefathers, how they struggled; look at the almost insurmountable obstacles they overcame in combat for our freedom. Look at the noble example which we disregard; we are treading right in the footsteps of degraded, deand almost sunken nations. We think too much of dress, personal appearance, the luxuries of life, amusement, and their accompaniments. Look at the rising generations. What do they know? Do we instil properly into their minds the love of science, or even common sense? Talk to them about the learned arts, they stare at you with the almost vacant look of an idiot, call you a bore, old fogy, and pass by the glorious themes of science as if they were things unworthy of their notice. There is a kind of stupid complaint threatening the nation which we might term "aristocratic Let us examine what is technically called Society. Who are its progenitors? Who its votaries? A crowd of empty headed men and women, who sacrifice the noble talents the Almighty has blessed them with, and whose sole aim is to appear more gaudy, more frivolous and ridiculous than their fellow associates. What is their conversation? About science or nature? No Their chief topic is the latest fashion, the newest novel, and, what is worse, scandal. We talk and rave about the barbarous tribes of Asia, Africa, and the Sandwich Islands, poor wretches, they are to be pitied, not blamed. Have they had the dawning light of Christianity; have they adjustion? No, they keep rigidly to the tenets and follow the cort of their immediate progenities. What acts of their immediate progenitors. What is the most easily discerned folly or vice in these barbarians, but love of gaudy ornamentation. Our Christian friends at the present day know this full well, for with the trifling bribs of a few glass, beads or brass buttons, these savages have perpetrated the most horrible atrockles. How many of the

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leath-dealing wheels Take the average of your men, such as merchant, banker or dry goods clerks, these are the class of people to whom fash ion comes open handed, because they fall an easy signment her entrancing tolls. If Let us suppose a young mechanic introduced into this so called society; why, everyone stands aloof, he is but a moth among these gaudy painted butterflies, he smells; of the workshop, his yery appearance is plebelan; but contrast this young mechanic with your well dressed curied and perfumed dolls;

youth of this civilized land have committed

crimes equally as horrid for the sake of finery. How many of our young girls have sunk deep into the abyes of dissipation and ruin by the same means? How many a

poor father and heart broken disconsola

mother, they carried the day, when they tempted their child with fine clothes, and in-

stilled as it were into the system, the germ

or poisonous seeds of pride and wickedness?

Look at our gaols, our houses of range; our penitentiars, and lunatic asylums; dig down rights the root of the cril and see

Juggernaut! How many poor victims hast thou crushed with thy gaudy, glittering, but

find out the ignorance of these intellectual society people, who cherish in their hearts the beautiful images of the curled and painted tailor's model, whose (God knows) only thought and aim are to arrange their collar and neck tie in the latest style, or to reason about having their clothes cut a la

Is it any wonder that some sensible females (I wish there were more) are preaching about the rights of women. Are they not ashamed at the so-called lords of the creation, and wish to set them a good example, for is it not time that some one took the initiative? Let us shake off this horrible incubus, and strive to stem the accursed tide of fashion, for if we don't, as we onward drift, we shall find breakers ahead.

Division of Texas.

From The San Antonia (Texas) Express. Much of the power of this nation rests not alone with the support given its institu-tions by our own people, but a vast strength accrues to us from the hold we have upon the hearts of the masses of other nations. While we are one of the acknowledged "great powers" of the earth, we are not so powerful but a combination of all other powers would crush us like the grain be-tween the upper and nether millstone. In this view we should not only make our soil an asylum for the oppressed of all nations, but we should spread our "free-thinking and free-acting" ideas broadcast over the world. fire the hearts of the monarch's subjects, so that when he attempts to join a combination against us his subjects will know his object is to smother the beacons of liberty. burning so brightly on our shores, and they will revolt.

Here is a vast national frontier of upward of 700 miles, bginning at the Delta and Rio-Grande, and following its tortuous wind-ings to El Paso del Norte; an imaginary line between two Republics, whose aims are the same, and between whom prejudices spring up like mushrooms in the night, across whose borders republican principles, if executed in the spirit of justice, travel with the speed of lightning, while wrongs that oppress people and make them flee our shores for an asylum among strangers, brings us into contempt among the peop of our sister, and in case of war, we would probably find an enemy at our side where

ve should find an ally. It is our duty, the duty of this nation, to establish a State Government upon this border, embracing the most liberal ideas of Democracy, a Government that the people of Mexico would look upon with envy speak of with admiration and endeavor to mitate.

During the short and terrible reign of Maximilian, the cry went abroad that "Republics are failures," andthe hund reds of worn-out heart-broken refugees escaping from our own bloody revolution, and the persecutions of the cursed slave-oligarchy, were irrefutable witnesses against Republicanism. Happily this reign of terror has been swept away, but our unsettled condition does not guarantee a stable government upon this border. Innocent Mexicans coming to our State, are shot down, robbed and outraged. Thieves play their infamous avo-cations across robbing our plains of their cattle and impoverishing the stock-rais The remedy is in our grasp, the West has voted and proven herself to be a region, peopled with loyal men. These loyal men are organized with their faces set toward the ation's star of empire. In the school of persecution they have learned the proper ag-

With the authority of Congress the delegates to the Convention from west of the Brazos will go into seperate Convention, and GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS ustice, rid the country of the ruffians, sub-ugate the disaffected traitors, establish schools, hang murderers, and with the influx of a million sturdy Northmen. develop the vast, illimitable resources, inexhaustible minerable and agricultural wealth, yet buried beneath our soil.

Americans in Europe.

The London Saturday Review has an article on American travelers in Europe, in the course of which it says: Like the Saxon courtiers of the Norman Court of the Confessor, with sound American hearts, they affect the society, the maners, the dress and language of the foreigner. As to the language, the second generation takes to it so easily as to prove that it is merely want of opportunity that prevents the ordinary American from surpassing the boasted proficiency of the Russian. Foreign Americans must have large incomes Paris is at best no place for a poor and idle man, and the brilliancy of their equipages, the splendor of the ladies' toilettes, outshine n the Bois de Boulogne the mass of Russians and Mexicans and French of haute finance. But they are generally rather young men. many of them of old Dutch or English families, and ally most of them with fathers in the States, whose chief duty it seems to be to see that their sons' allowances are regularly paid. Their manners savor perhaps rather of the ease of the French school than of the rigid Puritanism of New England, but they are none the less pleasant companions that the angularities of national prejudices have smoothed themselves down. Whether at Paris in Spring, at the seaside in Summer or at Pau in Winter, their hospitality i boundless, even under circumstances that might excuse them from offering any. You have time really to become acquainted with them, and they grow upon you day by day. Indeed, the more you know of Americans of every class, the more convinced do you become that there is generally sterling ore under the least prepossessing exterior. The worst of it is that, as they shoot rapidly by, people only catch a glimpse of the surface, and can but guess at what is beneath. Even in a glance at American travellers, as hasty as the bird's-eye view which most of them snatch at Europe, it is impossible to over-

look the presence among them of men of rare gifts and high cultivation, TEACHING deaf mutes by the system of articulation, which has been successfully practiced in the institutions of Eranca, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Sweden and Denmark, and lately introduced into this country at Northampton, Mass, is just now attracting merited attention. The system brings the lips into requisition; and the movements are the same in conversation as though actual were actually produced. This from whence it springs. Partly from sensual and dranken excess, but mostly from this hideous pride, which stalks the land giant-like, and hideously laughs at all attempts to remove it. Fashiont show many of this votaries hast thou destroyed? Thou car of the stalks are the stalks and hideously laughs at all attempts to remove it. Fashiont show many of this votaries hast thou destroyed? Thou car of the stalks are the stalks and the stalks are the stalks though sound were actually produced. This though sound were actually produced. This is said to be easier and more speedily learned than conversations by signs. Education can be pushed into a wider field (Convenience is enhanced. The awkwardness of sign-language is abolished. The Legislature of Massachusetts propose giving this institution special recognition. The report of the asylum in the District of Columbia signally havens the mark water.

signally lavors the new system. WASHINGTON sculptors get this honora-ble mention in a recent letter from the Capi-tal. "The town is full of statues of dwarfs, workshop, his very appearance is plebelan; but contrast this young mechanic with your, well dressed, curied and perfumed dolls; talk to him on accentific subjects, and although he may at first be dissident, you with find on the average that under the cover of modesty is a treasure here in a man mor of college (1) educated, but what is fit better all educated, and is he to he agreem. Jefferson, deaf and dumit, is fit better all educated, and is he had see he higher than your deaf and dumit, is fit better all educated, and is he to he had see he high the seems of forming gringd with the sweet of inconsulation.

In the town is full of statues of dwars, cripples, rocking horses and drunken in the rain colossally, pointing to the Peters, of the very office where his breeches are. Lincoln is a base bell pitcher on the top of, a column to the college (1) educated, and is he to he agreem. Jefferson, deaf and dumit, is fist better, all educated, and is he to be seen by General Jackson is riding ridically because his hones, hands as he to Victory over a landscape of forming gringd with the sweet of inconsulation.

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