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WRITING A TRADE.

Reflections for the Benefit of Would-Be

Authors. All the men and women that have risen to distinction in the field of letters have served apprenticeship in the technics of the art before they reached the ear of the public. The poets alone seem to have a gift of speech at the outset and even they learn much in the course of years and practice. But young aspirant should not model his line of procedure on that followed by the acknowledged geniuses. Only genius can hope to imitate genius. For ordinary talent there is no royal road to literary mastership. The art of writing must be studied diligently, painfully, humbly. The use and abuse of words and phrases must be considered, not for a day, but for many years. The formation of sent-ences must be the thought of one's waking hours. The manufacture of a style is the labor of years. The old saying that "style is the man" is perectly true, but it has deluded many youngster into the belief that all he had to do was to express himself according to the impulse of the mo-ment, just as he would in talking, and that thus he would be a writer. "Style is the man." It is not the boy. It is the reflex of the mature mind, the embodiment of thought, which no longer stumbles, but walks with sure feet, and makes for itself a broad and beautiful path of words. Let those that are wondering why their effusions do not burst into print at once stop and consider whether they really have anything particular to say, and then whether they have any particular way of saying it. There are more persons with something to say (perhaps not something immertal, but still worth saying) than there are with a genu-ine master of literary expression. The latter coes not come by nature; nor does it come with experience. It

comes only by practice, and not an easy practice at that. It was that most literary of all recent writers, Robert Louis Stevenson, who said that the man not willing to spend a whole afternoon in search of the right word to express an idea is unfit for the busipess of literature.-New York Times.

THE CHANGE OF LIFE

Is the most important period in a wo-man's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and some-times painful symptoms. Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, a if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dan-gerous, nerrous trouble. Those hot

IMPOTENT.

These things, too mighty for man they be: The unleashed flame, and the unchained sea The iurious wind that masterless flies. And the mooring light of rainless skies. O, pais horse, statking far abroad, Teach man the little, to call on God.

-Margaret E. Sangster, in Harper's Ba-

************************ THE BETTER MAN

It was a perfect moonlight night, and two people were slowly pacing a secluded path in the grounds of the Darncombe Cliff hotel. The man was about 35 years of age powerfully built, with a strong, good-looking face, and a bronzed complexion. His com-panion was a young and radiantly

They strolled for some moments in silence. The man, with his hands thrust deep in the pockets of his jacket, was thinking hard, thinking of the thing that had happened to him He was in love—in love with the girl who was walking so calmly by his

side. And it could have no result! It. side. And it could have no result: It was impossible. They had come to a seat on the cliff, and the girl touched him lightly on the arm. He awoke from his reverie

with a start.

with a start. "Shall we sit down for a moment?" she said. "You haven't told me half of what I want to know yet." "You can't think," she continued, smiling at him frankly, "how dread-fully nervous I was when Cyril told me you were coming to England." Dalyell forced a smile. "Hed he drawn such a terrible nice.

"Had he drawn such a terrible pic-ture of me, then?" "Oh, no! He is very proud of you, On, no: He is very proud of you, prous of what you have done. But I thought that perhaps—" she hesitated, and her eye fell on her engagement ring, "that perhaps you would not approve of his choice." 'Would that have mattered much?"

he said. "Being the man you are-yes!" she said simply. "I should not have cared to marry Cyril had you objected."

"But luckily we need at," she cried, happily. needn't discuss "For you that,

don't object, do you? don't object, do you?" "No." He paused, and his eyes dropped to the ground. "I suppose," he continued in a low tone, "you really love him." A tiny spot of color showed on her

fresh young cheek. He glanced up and saw her eyes shining, and her lips parted in a half smile.

"Yes," she said, softly. "I really love him—love him as I thought it not pos-

Him love min as it chought it is pos-sible for me to love any one!" He turned his face away that she might not see the bitter look that had crept into it. Years ago, when hardly more than a boy, he had gone abroad. He had worked hard, was clever, and,

best of all, lucky. Immediately on landing, Cyrll had insisted on dragging him down to Darncombe, where Madge Escott, to whom he had lately become engaged. and her aunt were staying. They had been together a day or two, then Cyril had gone to London to execute a commission for a portrait, leaving him be-hind, and for ten days he had been practically alone with her. She felt that Cyril had left him in her care, and had devoted all her time to him; and this had been the result-he had failen madly in love with her!

"May I tell you a secret? He gave a slight start as her gentle voice fell on his ears.

"Do!" he said, with an effort.

"Cyril said last week," she went on, "that he is making so much money at his painting that he wants the mar-riage to be next month."

He felt a slight shiver run through him. His brother was even lying to her. He knew very well that his earnings from his brush formed but the slightest part of his income. For the rest he was dependent upon him.

"You will, of course, be his best man," she cried, gayly. "And you'll have to come and stay with us-very, very often!" Dalyell made up his mind.

"I am very sorry," he began, halt-gly. "But—I'm afraid I shall not be ingly able to stop for the marriage."

Presently he found himself on the cliff, this time alone with Cyril. The two paced the path in silence for a few moments. Cyril, who was

smoking, now and then shot a glance at his brother from under his eyelids. "Why are you going back to India?" he asked suddenly.

he asked suddenly. Dalyell looked out to sea. "Oh, there are a lot of things I must attend to," he said, rather lamely. "It's a lie!" said Cyril, very quietly. Dick Dalyell swung round on him in stonishment.

astonishment. "Simply this," his brother an-swered, calmly. "That you are going back to India because you have fallen desperately in love with Madge!" Then his tone changed. "Did you think you could deceive me?" he cried, riumphenttr. "Use scene it in course." triumphantly. "I've seen it in every look you've given her-every word you've spoken. You're going back be-cause you're afraid of yourself—it's right, isn't it?" He caught his brother by the arm and peered into his face "Quite right, eh?"

Dick Dalyell shook himself free of the grasp; there was a gleam in

eye. "Yes, it's right," he cried, passionately. "I love her—love her as I thought no woman could be loved!" His voice dropped, and he continued: "But there is no harm done. She does not know-will never know-and in a week I shall be on my way back to India

The younger man was looking searchingly at him. "You need not-unless you particu-

larly want to," he said, in a meaning tone. Dick Dalyell looked at him quickly.

"What!" he cried. A look of infinite cunning crept over

Cyril's face.

"I mean that if you'll agree to my terms, I'll retire, and leave the field clear for you," he said. Dalyell stared at him stonily. His brother took it for encouragement.

"It was her face—her simplicity, that took my fancy," he went on frankly. "But I am tired of her—I could never have really loved her. Now, there is another—the woman whose portrait I have been painting. She is rich, in love with me, ready to marry me and go abroad." He ap-proached nearer to his brother. 'Make it five thousand pounds," said.

Dalyell clenched his hands." "My God-you blackguard!" he said hoarsely.

Young Cyril Dalyell smiled.

Young Cyril Dalyell smiled. "Yes," he admitted impudently, "And utteriy undeserving of Madge Escott. You are the reverse—so, why not accept my offer, and remain on here. Give her a few months, and you will succeed."

The veins stood out on Dalyell's forenead. He recalled the girl's face foreneed. He recalled the girl's face. How it had lighted up—and at the prospect of becoming this scoundrel's wife!

"You love her," went on the younger

man calmly. A feeling of mad passion suddenly overcame Dick Dalyell. With a sudden movement he stepped forward and caught his brother by the throat.

"You think I would do this thing!" They were standing at the corner of the path, in front of some bushes. There was a quick rustling noise, and the next moment some one laid a hand on Dick Dalyell's arm. He gave one glance, then, suddenly let go his grip. Before them stood Madge Escott white to the lips, her eyes wet with

tears. "I was coming to call you in," she said tremblingly. "I had nearly reached you when some words caught my ears. I had to listen-I have heard all!

It was inevitable they should meet again, and it happened at Nice about a year later. It seemed strange at first that they should be together, but gradually it grew to be more natural. Then, at length, one morning, he told her of what was in his heart, and waited for her answer. He saw the slightest of flushes spread over her her cheeks, and after a moment she lifted her head and smiled back into his eyes .--- Gilbert Dayle, in M. A. P.

"Sandwich-Men."

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advantages and includes the latest fea tures while, withal, it is simple in the extreme. As shown it is worn open with the fronts rolled back to form pointed revers, and the Kaiser collar opens at the throat, but when desired it can be buttoned up close, as shown in the sketch, and made to mean genuine warmth. The model is made from black cheviot with self-faced revers and collar finished on the inside with velvet and rows of narrow gold braid. and is closed by means of handsome smoked pearl buttons.

able, or any soft woolen stuff can be tucked before cutting, if preferred. The fronts are cut with single darts, but fit snugly to the figure. The back is seamless and finished in a rounded The foundation for the blouse is a fitted lining that should be well boned. but the waist proper includes shoulder bat-like extension below the waist, and and under-arm seams only. Both lin-



is joined to the fronts by wide underarm gores that extend well back to form side backs and give a slender, tapering effect to the figure. The sleeves are two-seamed, snug, without being tight, and are cut in modified beil shape, so allowing the jacket to be slipped on and off with ease. At the neck is the military collar, known as the Kaiser, with pointed ends that can be hooked over close or left free. as preferred.

To cut this jacket for a woman of medium size four yards of material ished separately from the waist. If twenty-one inches wide, two yards for-

ing and outside material close at the centre front, but separately, and the opening in the waist is rendered in-visible by tucks. The girdle is fitted to the figure and held in place by short bones, and the blouse drops slightly over the top. The sleeves are cut with broad upper and narrow under portions, and are finished with circular cuffs that flare becomingly over the bands. The Aiglon stock includes the plain portion that fits the throat, the flaring sides and the tie, and is fin-

MOULT OF BIRDS. Bird Green in Winter, Red in

Summer Mr. Witmer Stone addressed the Biological club of the University Pennsylvania recently on the "Moult of Birds.'

This subject, said the speaker, is one that has interested me for a long time, but it seems to have been generally neglected by ornithologists. All birds moult regularly once a year; this is a physical necessity, for the wearing of the feathers makes their replace-ment an absolute requirement if flight is to be continued. This annual or post-nuptial moult occurs at the end of the nesting season. The feathers never drop out at the same time; the process is gradual and during its continuance the bird has never more than one or two feathers missing at once. In the body, as recently discovered by Professor Dwight, the moult takes place along regular tracts. The wing feather moult begins with the inner-most of the primaries, the ninth, which most of the primaries, the ninth, which is moulted first; the others follow in succession outwardly. In the tail the first feather lost is the middle one, and, as with the wings, it is followed by the loss of the next outward one, and so on. Here Mr. Stone exhibited specimens showing the various stages of wing and tail moulting. He then of wing and tail moulting. He then referred to a number of exceptions to the rule, such as that of the woodpeckers, which in moulting lose the side feathers of the tail first, and, continuing, said some species have addi-tional moults, like the scarlet taneger It undergoes two moults. It is a green color in winter and a red color in sum-The claim has been set up by mer. some ornithologists that this is not the result of moulting, but due to an actual change of pigment. There is, however, no evidence to sustain this view. The speaker then explained the succession of plumages from the egg to the adult, and followed with a detailed consideration of plumages, with the reasons for same and for exceptions to general rules in a large num tions to general rules in a large num-ber of birds, illustrating his remarks with specimens. The subject was dis-cussed by Drs. Montgomery, Calvert, Conklin and Harshberger.

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Her eyes opened in amazement. "Not stop for the marriage!" she re-peated. "Why?"

He hesitated for a moment, then faced her resolutely.

"I find I shall have to go back to India," he said, between his teeth. "There are a lot of important things to be seen to, and-well, I have de-cided to leave next week." he finished abruptly.

saw her face cloud with disap-He pointment.

"I had been hoping so-!" she began, then she broke off with a cry of surprise. "Why, here's Cyril!" she said.

She rose from her seat and ran to meet him.

"Hullo, Dick, old chap!" he cried boylshly. "I got through with the job earlier than I expected, and so ran down tonight. Has Madge been look-ing after you well?" he added, with a smile at the girl on his arm. "She has been very kind," answered

Dalyell quietly.

"Oh, Cyril, what do you think?" cried Madge. "He says he must go back to India next week—not stop for

our marriage!" There was a curious look in the younger Dalyell's eyes as he glanced across at his brother. "Why, what's this, Dick?" he asked.

Dalyelt pulled a cigar out of his "I'll tell you about it later." he said.

He left them and went down to the beach. For a full hour he strode up and down, deep in thought. At length he made his way back to the hotel.

day long for a shilling. It is work which makes no demand upon them. They slowly and mechanically plod along, each following the man before him. If you watch the sandwich-man you may observe that he looks neither to the right nor to the left. His face expresses no emotion of any kind; he feeis no interest in anything. He is like the hermit or the recluse, or the anchoret--inclusus. He is dead to the world; a man without friends, without money, without hope, without re-sources, without the power of work, without strength of mind to resolve, without will to urge him and to sus-tain him or to lead him out, has no further concern with the world. It is a moving panorama, a series of pictures on which he looks without interest; his own figure, which ought to be there, is not there. Newsboys shout their evening papers; the shops light up their wares till the whole street is a fairyland of treasures; the wella fairyland of treasures; the well-dressed people pass him in long pro-cession; the carriages go up and down the road. To all the life around him, to all the sights around him, to the meaning of the show, and to the dance of life and death that fills the litest the secticity more in failure dance of life and death that fills the street, the sandwich-man is indiffer-ent. He has no ambition; he has no future to hope for, no past that he cares to remember; he lives only for the deat the day.

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The skirt is cut in three pieces, the gored front and circular sides, and is joined to a body lining that is snug and closes at the centre back. The shield portion is faced into the lining and the standing collar is seamed to the neck, so that all closes together. blouse is separate, with shoulder and under-arm seams, and opens at the front, where it is provided with but-tons and buttonholes. Both back and fronts are plain across the shoulders but slightly full at the waist, where but slightly full at the waist, where the blouse pouches over the belt. The right side laps over the left in double-breasted style, the rounded points be-ing decorated with gold buttons, and the neck is finished with a deep col-lar that is round at the back and square at the front. The sleeves are two-seamed and finished with turn-over flare cuffs.

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