

AS WE SEE THINGS.

INFLUENCE OF THE INNER LIFE ON THE EXTERNAL WORLD.

How an Individual or a Scene May Have an Entirely Different Appearance to Two Persons—Happiness and Sorrow Made by Ourselves.

There have been philosophers who declared that the earth on which we stand and the stars on which we gaze have no real existence, but are merely the outcomes of our inner selves.

Yet we cannot afford to overlook the germ of truth which this idea contains. Though not literally the creation of our thought, the outer world is to each one of us largely that which we make it.

So with the sights of a city. For each of us as they take on the aspect of our own mental condition. How differently they impress the citizen who has spent his life among them from the foreigner who views them for the first time!

If there is so wide a divergence in the aspect which inanimate things have for us, the difference is still greater in the way we regard the men and women by whom we are surrounded.

Character is a complex thing, difficult to detect, impossible to fathom, yet we presumptuously venture to gauge and pronounce upon it with the smallest modicum of knowledge.

It is curious to notice how differently the same person will impress various individuals. His friend will perhaps see no fault in him, his enemy no virtue. One will put faith in him; another will suspect his every action.

Even the outward circumstances of life are largely what we ourselves make them. We are accustomed to consider prosperity a blessing and adversity a curse, but quite frequently they change places.

Two physicians determined to take advantage of the impressionable mind of a female patient and prove a theory for the benefit of science.

A college professor was once the subject of a practical joke at the hands of the students. They met him one afternoon, and each successively inquired after his health, saying that he looked ill.

A startling announcement. An English literary man who was on the verge of bringing out a book at the Pitt Press ordered his proofs to be sent to him at a house where he was engaged to dine out, intending to look them over in the half hour after dinner.

A new style of bottle for poisons that is described by The Lancet has the neck on one side and is of such a shape that it will not stand up. Lying on a table, the word poison and the label would always be in view, and by reason of its peculiar form it would not be mistaken for the ordinary bottle.

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AN ECCENTRIC PAINTER.

Turner's Studio and Methods a Curiosity to Visitors.

Broderip and Sir Richard Owen, says the latter in his "Reminiscences," walked together to Turner's residence, which was slightly dingy in outward appearance.

After showing them all that there was to be seen Turner vouchsafed the explanation of the treatment which they experienced upon entering the house.

"Of the whole number of persons supposed to die of disease," said a prominent physician the other day, "I should say that at least 50 per cent are really carried away by fear."

In support of his statement he cited various cases where the element of fear had entered largely in as a potent factor to persuade people that their time had come.

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That something was round and bright, and it came out of a sixth story window. It descended slowly, the moonlight shimmering on its silvery surface and making it conspicuous.

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TEXAS LAW FOR TEXANS.

How Judge Culberson Once Won a Case That Seemed Hopeless.

Congressman Dave Culberson, as he is familiarly known in Texas from the Rio Grande to the Red river, is one of the most entertaining members of the house.

"In 1860, just after Lincoln had been elected president," said an old friend of Judge Culberson the other day, "there was a neighborhood quarrel between two citizens in Uphur county, Tex.

"Culberson had the opening speech and made a good defense for his client under the circumstances. When the Marylander replied in behalf of his client, he produced a vast array of authorities, from which he read in support of his case.

"What's that?" asked the judge sharply, "been imposing on the court with Yankee law?"

"Yes, sir, your honor," said Culberson; "he has been reading from this book, which was printed in Boston, Mass."

"To the supreme disgust of the young lawyer the court continued as follows: 'Sir, upon the evidence of the case I dismiss the suit against Dave Culberson's friend and fine the plaintiff \$1 and costs and his lawyer \$5 for contempt of court.'

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Planos.

Excellent pianos may be bought in Europe at perhaps two-thirds the cost of a like instrument here, and even individuals can import pianos to advantage in spite of the tariff.

An antiquarian says that tobacco cannot be used in England save by a violation of law. In 1660 a law was made prohibiting the growth or importation of tobacco beyond a few hundred pounds of leaves every year.

"I would like to improve my opportunities," said the good boy. "Get the firm to leave more money in the cash drawer," suggested the lad of evil propensities.

"Some women can't believe a word their husbands say," she remarked. "Well," confided the other, "I'm not quite so badly off as that. My husband talks in his sleep occasionally."

In the battle of Marengo 58,000 men participated, and of that number 15,000 were killed or wounded, about 32 per cent. Napoleon thought Marengo his greatest victory. He always kept throughout life the uniform he wore on that day.

The Chippewa river was named from the Indian tribe. The Indian designation was Mayawaken, "The Mysterious Stream."

At the discovery of America maize was grown by the Indian tribes from Patagonia to Hudson bay. In Mexico and Peru its origin was attributed to the gods.



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