AS OTHERS SEE US.

HOW A LONDON JOURNAL SIZES UP AMERICANS.

An Interesting Character—American Characteristics in English Eyes.

(From the London Spectator.)

No character is quite so interesting to thoughtful Englishmen as that of the Americans; it is so like our own, yet so unlike, so complex and yet so simple, so intelligible and yet so full of unexpected turns. They are as difficult to depict as Englishmen seem to foreigners, and if we try to do it it is with a full consciousness that after our best efforts facets of the stone will still remain undescribed. But for two peculiarities which are universal and deep enough profoundly to modify characater, we should say that the Americans, as a nation, more closely resembled the English in Ireland than any other people in the world.

The long contest with enemies, with nature, with circumstances, has bred in them the inner hardness and incapacity of yielding to opposition which that peculiar caste derives from its long habit of keeping down superior numbers and exacting from them tribute. There is dourness somewhere in every American, a "hard pan," as they say themselves, to which, if you get down, there is no further progress to be made. You must crush it to powder or retreat, and nine times out of ten retreat is found to be the easier course. The American character rests, in fact, on a granite substratum, which has been the origin of their success, and will give them the mastery of the Western Hemisphere. It is not merely the English doggedness, though it doubtless had its root in it; it is a quality which enables its possessor to go on whatever happens, to charge, as it were, instead of merely standing to receive the assault. It is, in fact, if we are to be minute, doggedness made fiery by an infusion of hope, of a sanguineness which you would never expect from an American's face—that, owing to some climatic peculiarity, is usually careworn, especially in the East—but which colors his very blood.

We never met an American in our lives who did not believe that he should "worry through" any trouble on hand, and reach at last the point desired, however distant it might seem to be. Like the Anglo-Irishman, also, the American has a quick sense of the incongruous; he perceives the comicality alike of things and persons, and he has a habit of pointing that out with a reserved shrewdness which has always the effect of, and sometimes really is mordant humor. Like the Anglo-Irish, too, the American has a strong sense of personal dignity; he cannot bear to be belittled, and is, if anything, oversensitive on the score of his individual claims to respect. His pride is not the glacial pride of the Englishman, who at heart holds the man who offends him to be a boor for doing it, and would as soon quarrel with a cabman as with him, but is a glowing pride, quick, perhaps overquick, to resent insult and to imagine wrong. Add to these traits an almost infinite depth of inner kindliness so long as there is no provocation and no resistance from inferiors, and you have the Anglo-Irish character on its strong sides, and that is also the American, about as efficient a character as the world presents to our view.

He can fight or he can bargain, he can build or he can diplomatize; and, when doing any of these things, he generally contrives to come out at top, with perhaps a glance around to see that the high place out of which he emerges with unmoved countenance has been noticed by the world around. We should add, for it is characteristic, though perhaps it is of little importance, that the manner of a well bred American is usually, and, allowing for individual idiosyncrasies, almost exactly that of a well bred Anglo-Irishman—courteous and kindly, with a touch of intended grace and with a certain patience as of one accustomed to other men's folly—which is not English at all. The Englishman's patience offends—that is the testimony of all mankind, to the Englishman's great perplexity—but the American's patience and that of the Anglo-Irishman leave a sensation, not always fully justified, of friendliness. There are 100 Lord Dufferins in America.

The American has, however, as we said, two peculiarities which differentiate him from all mankind. We should not call him a happy man, exactly, but he is an incurably cheerful one. The weight of the dozen atmospheres which press down the Englishman is off the American's spirit. He does not expect to find anywhere persons superior to himself; he thinks he can make, instead of obeying, etiquettes; he sees no reason, unless, indeed, he is a candidate for his municipality or for Congress, for professing to be anything but what he is. He is quite contented as to his past, and quite satisfied that the future will go his way. He lives mainly in the present but as the past was good and future will be better, the present will do very well for the time being. If no one has affronted him he has no quarrel with any one, but is disposed to look on all men with an appreciative smile, as being all equally creatures of Allah, poor creatures some of them, no doubt, but still creatures. He takes life as it comes, in fact, with little concern whether anybody takes it differently, and with a complete admission, not only from the lips but from the heart, that it takes a good many sorts of men to make up a world. The conviction of equality with all men has taken the social fidget out of him, and given him an inner sense of ease and tranquillity never quite absent even when his external manner seems awkward or constrained.

It follows that he is always ready to try anything, and that the English idea of living in a groove seems to him confined and small, a waste of the faculties that God has given. And it follows, also, that being inwardly content with himself, and having a whole continent to work in, he is seldom as thorough as an Englishman, is satisfied with knowing many things less completely than an Englishman knows one, and has for intellectual temptations always provided that the task before him is not machine making, a certain shallowness. The kind of man who is least like an American is the kind of man about the British Museum, who knows upon some one subject all there is to know, and can tell you almost to a foot where all that remains to be known will ultimately be found. We doubt if the American is fuller of resource than the Englishman, who generally has his plan at last; but he is much quicker in bringing his wits to bear, and much less disposed to let any habitude of mind stand a moment in his way. In fact, though the American, like every other of the sons of Eve, is clothed in habits, he wears them with singular lightness, and if his sense of propriety would admit, would on the smallest provocation cast them away. There are only two exceptions to that with an American, his religion and the Constitution of the United States. The two are not habits at all in the Carlylean sense, but outer and inner skins.

There remains the strongest and strangest peculiarity of all, which already differentiates the American completely from the Englishman, and a hundred years hence will make him an entirely separate being. The American is a nervous man in the sense in which doctors who study constitution use the word. He is not neurotic, no man less so, and probably as brave as any man alive, but his nerves respond more quickly to his brain than those of any other human being. He feels strongly and he feels everything. We are inclined to suspect that the condition of so many Americans resembles the condition of overtrained men and horses, and that activity of brain continued for generations is injurious in a dry climate to bodily health. Be the cause what it may, the American is liable to be excited, and his excitement, which shows itself in bursts of tremendous energy, sometimes in fits of gayety and sometimes in almost incurable melancholia, constantly wears him out. It is the greatest distinction between him and the more stolid Englishman, or rather, between him and the oldest of English colonists, the Anglo-Irishman.

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Gowns of Men and Women.

In the long ago our Savon ancestors, equally with our women-folk, wore gowns. The early Saxon called this garment a gunna, while his Welsh contemporary spoke of it as gwn. A little later there crept into our language the word cote, although a coat as we understand costume did not make its advent in the realms of fashion until the second half of the seventeenth century. But just as we of to-day use indifferently the terms frock, dress, costume, gown, so the Anglo-Saxon and Norman Danes spokeof their cotes, surcotes, and robes. When the Normans came over and polished our manners, and—as an attendant sequence—our costumes, they found the Romanized British female wearing two tunics, the upper one shorter than the lower. A Bishop of Winchester describes a present he sends as "a short gunna sewed in our manner."

Female costume in the tenth century was classical in its simplicity. The women wore long, loose, flowing skirts reaching to the feet, and a draped cote or upper garment. Chaucer, who died in 1400, when Henry IV. was King, frequently uses the word cote. In his "Canterbury Tales" he depicts the sergeant-at-law as wearing "a medley cote," which, no doubt, means a coat of many colors; while the miller he describes as wearing "a whyte cote." It was in the fourteenth century that the word "gown" first came into use. An anonymous author in no mild words finds fault with the fashion of his days. He writes that "the Commons were besottd in excess of apparel, in wide surcoats reaching to their loyns; some in garments reaching to their heels, close before and strowting out on the side, so that on the back they make men seem women, and these they call by a ridiculous name—gown." As early as the twelfth century women's cotes were made with trains, and in the first quarter of the thirteenth century a Bishop sadly moralizes on their vanity for wearing trained cotes, some of which contained "seven ells and a half."

Richard II. came to the throne in 1377, and the citizens of London appeared before him "in white and red gowns," the King's livery colors. Up to the time of Henry IV. women wore their gowns high up to the throat. But when Henry V. became King (1413), the mode slightly changed, and turnover collars and very short waists were favored by fashionable dames.—Lloyd's Newspaper.

Her Ancestor's Folly.

She—Yes; my grandfather was a member of the United States Senate.

He—That's too bad.

She—Too bad? What makes you think so?

He—Think how rich he might have made you if he hadn't spent so much money getting there.—Chicago Record.

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TO-DAY, SEPT. 1st, 9:30 A. M.,

Special Sale of Underwear, Aprons, Gloves, Mitts, Neckwear, Etc.

Ordinarily the items in this sale would not appeal to a great number of people, for they are mostly Summer goods, and the season in which they can be worn is limited.

We realized that fact in getting up the sale, and in order to counter balance such consideration we have made the prices not merely low, but exceptionally so.

At these prices it will pay you to buy for future as well as for present needs. You can lay the goods aside until another year and still make big interest on the money invested.

LOT I—Women's ecru cotton union suits in Summer weight, sleeveless and knee length, neck and armholes run with tape.
Thursday's Price, 6c.

LOT II—Women's two-clasp chamois skin gloves, natural color with super white stitching; sizes 5¾, 6 and 6¼.
Thursday's Price, 48c.

LOT III—All-silk Jersey mitts for women; both elbow and shoulder lengths; colors pink, light blue, red or heliotrope. Former price, 75c to $1 pair.
Thursday's Price, 10c.

LOT IV—Misses' sleeveless white cotton ribbed vests, for 2 to 12 years; neck and armholes run with tape.
Thursday's Price, 6c.

LOT V—Children's white pique jackets, with turnover collar, edged with embroidery and herringbone; ages 1 to 4 years.
Thursday's Price, 28c.

LOT VI—Children's white lawn sleeveless aprons, with wide shoulder pieces, edged with a cotton lace; front of yoke of open work embroidery; for 4 to 12 years.
Thursday's Price, 16c.

LOT VII—Children's nice quality white lawn aprons, sleeveless; large shoulder pieces with neat embroidery.
Thursday's Price, 19c.

LOT VIII — Children's fine white lisle thread ribbed vests, high neck and short sleeves. Regular price, 35c.
Thursday's Price, 15c.

LOT IX—Misses' plaid hosiery in nice combinations of color and sizes 7½, 8, 8½. Formerly sold at 75c pair.
Thursday's Price, 24c.

Also These Odds and Ends.

We shall also offer Thursday, at 9:30 a. m., the following telling values: Infants' dark red ribbed cotton hose, 9c; lawn gamps, with tucks and lace, for 2 to 10 years. Reduced to 38c and 48c.

All our sunbonnets, including some at 75c and $1, reduced to 23c.

Women's white lisle vests, high neck and short sleeves. Reduced to 23c.

Sleeveless silk vests for women, lace trimmed. 43c.

Women's white lisle union suits; formerly 85c. Reduced to 33c.

Low neck, sleeveless cotton vests, 5c; also some of a finer kind. Reduced to 10c.

Women's white netting ties, 1¾ yards long; formerly 75c; reduced to 25c; some that were $1.50 and $1.75 reduced to 50c.

The New Overcoats Are Here.

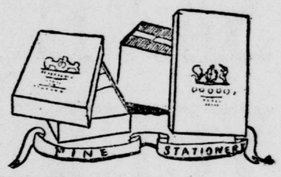
Notwithstanding the recent hot weather there has been a decided lowering of the thermometer, and during several evenings of the past week overcoats have been seen on the streets. This is is to say to the man who wants an overcoat either for Sacramento or for use in traveling that our advance purchases of overcoats are already here and in stock. Just how large this stock is the following run of prices will show:

New Fall overcoats, in black, brown or blue, $5, $7.50, $10, $12.50, $15, $17.50 and $20.

Stylish top overcoats, $10, $15, $20 and $25.

New Fall suits are also here at $5, $7.50, $10, $12.50, $15, $17.50, $20, $22.50 and $25.

The new black clay worsted suits, $10, $15 and $20.



Fine Stationery in Glazed Boxes.

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Something similar to above with three tints of paper in a box (cream, light blue and heliotrope), 15c box.

A big box of 48 sheets of fine paper, with square envelopes to match, 25c. This is the same quality paper for which you usually pay the same price for only half the quantity.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2d, 9:30 A. M.,

Special Sale Blankets, Pillow Sheets and Cases, Bedspreads, Napkins, Etc.

While the items in this sale will prove of general interest to thrifty housekeepers, they will also appeal to to those persons who are preparing for company or lodgers during the State Fair.

LOT I—White wool blankets, large size, tape bound edges and fancy colored borders. Suitable size for double beds. An offering that we may not be able to duplicate again.
Friday's Price, $2.98 pair.

LOT II—Bleached cotton honeycomb towels of good firm weave, with red borders and fringed ends. Excellent for family use, lodging-houses, etc.
Friday's Price, 48c doz. or 4c each

LOT III—Bleached pillow cases, of cloth, 45 inches wide and 36 inches long. Made of fair quality muslin. The price is less than the cost of the goods by the yard.
Friday's Price, 7½c each.

LOT IV—Bleached sheets for double beds—2¼ yards wide and 2½ yards long. Made of fair quality muslin, hemmed and ready for use.
Friday's Price, 38c each.

LOT V—Bleached ready-made sheets—size 81x90 inches. Good quality muslin and hemstitched. You cannot buy the plain cloth at this price.
Friday's Price, 49c each.

LOT VI—Cotton sheet blanket, always in demand, and for this sale we have secured a large supply. White or gray color with fancy colored borders, also plain white. Soft and fleecy and very warm. Used chiefly as sheets on children's beds, etc.
Friday's Price, 48c pair.

LOT VII—Bleached sheeting of standard quality, 81 inches wide. A good cotton and will make excellent sheets.
Friday's Price, 15c yard.

LOT VIII—Bleached pillow case muslin, 45 inches wide. Contains no dressing or starch.
Friday's Price, 8c yard.

LOT IX—Bleached Damask napkins, large size, selvedge edges. Good pattern and firm quality.
Friday's Price, $1.18 dozen.

LOT X—White honeycomb bedspreads, medium size, fair quality, ready for use. Secure some on Friday at
55c each.

LOT XI—Several weeks ago we closed out a lot of white wool blankets of extra quality and weight. The price named on the lot was extremely low, and we shall place them on sale Friday. Colored borders and bound edges. This blanket weighs 7 pounds and is superior to any offered before.
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SHE GOT THE CLOTH.

A Smart Woman and a Clever Little Trick.

There are callings and callings open to both men and women by which they can gain a livelihood, but when it comes to the "old confidence game" as a means of living, the men must step back and take off their hats to the women. To be sure, there are not as many women up to this "racket" as there are men, but those who are knowing ones are geniuses at the business. They could make a killing where nine "con" men out of ten would have to either starve or work honestly for a living.

It was not long ago that this was most powerfully illustrated, and to the sorrow of a clerk in the linen department of a Market street firm. A well-known matron, who lives in the fashionable portion of the city is the heroine of this tragedy. She was out for what she could get, and incidentally wished to purchase a tablecloth. She entered the house of the firm and going to the linen department, asked the clerk what a certain tablecloth which was in the stock was worth. He priced them for her at $3.

This did not suit at all, and after an argument of some minutes she finally persuaded him to sell the tablecloth for $2.50. When she had got the poor clerk to this stage she had him just where she wanted him. She looked the tablecloth over once more, and then remarked that she could get a tablecloth at another place for the same price.

The clerk, feeling "sore" because he had allowed a woman to beat him down, replied:

"Well, if you can, I'll give you this cloth."

"You will?" she answered, eagerly. "All right. Just wait here a minute."

She left the store, and, going to the other place, asked the head clerk to show her a tablecloth of the kind she had seen at the other store. It was priced at $3, but this did not daunt her. She said:

"They tell me over at So-and-so's that if you let me have a tablecloth like this for $2.50 they will give me one."

Of course, the clerk immediately let her have one for $2.50. Taking the ticket and the cloth, she returned to the clerk.

"There," she said, showing it to him. "I got it for $2.50."

No proof was wanting to convince the clerk that she had got it at that price, so he gave her the cloth and charged himself with it.

Then this lady returned with the purchased cloth to the other place and got credit on it, after which she went on her way rejoicing, just one $3 tablecloth in.—Louisville Commercial.

Interesting to the Geologist.

To the geologist the east coast of Florida is one of the most interesting portions of the earth's surface. In the eyes of science it was but yesterday when the surf beat on what is now the western shore of the St. John's. To the eastward of this line the corals built a long bar, gradually this caught the earth washed from the shore and on this plants grew and then trees.

This made of the St. John's exactly what Indian River is now, a long saltwater lagoon. As the coast widened and the coral worked the lagoon filled in as Indian River is doing, and drainage from both sides made it fresh.

Still the coral is at work, and again a long bar stretches southward almost continuous now from Cape Canaveral to Key West. When all the inlets on Indian River are closed but one it will soon become a fresh-water stream and fill in with the remaining inlet for the mouth of a river. Then the space between the shore and the coral reef will be another lagoon and another strip of habitual land will arise out of the ocean.

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