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The German papers announce the death of a man who was so devoted an admirer of Cervantes that he spent nearly the whole of his life and a considerable fortune in collecting every edition of "Don Quixote" that has been published in Europe since its first appearance. There were found in the library of this curious bibliomaniac 400 editions of "Don Quixote" in the Spanish language, 168 in French, 200 in English, 87 in Portuguese, 96 in Italian, 70 in German, 4 in Russian, 4 in Greek, 8 in Polish, 6 in Danish, 14 in Swedish, and 5 in Latin.

The movement at Nottingham for erecting a monument to Lord Byron seems to hang fire. It is said to be very lukewarmly supported in Nottingham itself; but, at a small meeting held in the Mayor's parlor, a letter from Mr. T. A. Murray, President of the Legislative Council of Sydney, was read, in which the writer observed: "The movement ought to bear an Imperial character. The whole empire should contribute. The Australian colonies, I am sure, will do so, and I shall be happy to act for you in forming a subcommittee, and collecting subscriptions in New South Wales, as well as to give my mite."

The London Review says of Emerson's recent collection of poems: "This new volume will probably raise the general estimate of its author as a poet. The book of poems put forth by Mr. Emerson twenty years ago, though much much valued by poets and scholars, were eclipsed in the public mind by his essays, chiefly, perhaps, on account of a certain occasional roughness of form and a lack of musical expression. The present volume has in it hardly as much profound thought as that, but has much more ease and melody... It has not the perpetual *scherzo* movement of the earlier poems. Sport may be, as Mr. Emerson says it is, the sign of health, but, in a world more or less invalid, there are times when sport is sadder than pathos. The high point where all things converge to an exhaustive unity, is that from which the author looks upon the world of shadows and illusions, and that point of view is hardly favorable for seeing and representing the movement and play of earthly forms which are the necessary types of thought and emotion. At that dissolve shrine of joy and sorrow are too nearly the same. When we compare the poems in the present volume with those of Tennyson, Browning, or even of Wordsworth, whom Mr. Emerson evidently admires above all modern poets, we perceive at once that the themes of the American take on less various forms than those of the English poets, and have also less color. We are continually reminded as we wander amid these May flowers of fine frost-foliage and snow-sculptures, and long that they should be suffused with the glow of warm life. 'Pierce is much about man, not much about men. But when we have said this we have expressed all our dissatisfaction."

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