## THE GROLIER EXHIBITION.

COMPARISON OF FRENCH, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN EXHIBITS.

The Grolier Club's exhibition of French, English and American bindings, at No. 64 Madison-ave., has attracted much attention from book-lovers and connoisseurs. There are five cases filled with French work and two each of American and English specimens. Some of the best examples may be critically considered, the numbers used being those of the catalogue.

In the French exhibit by Cape (2) the inlaying is not in good taste with the delicate Gascon tooling, but the tools are worked to perfection and very accurately. Marius Michel (7 and 17) is good in design and in execution. Though a geometrical design seems inappropriate for Paul and Virginia, yet it is beautiful and accurately worked. Niedrée (20) has a fine design, and is well executed. Canape (26) is a light Grolier design, not overloaded, well tooled. Petit (29) is a symbolical design, beautifully and cleanly worked. It may be questioned if stars are the proper symbol of Star Chamber. The wort star is not derived from either the shape or the embellishment of the Chamber. Petit (49) is original in design and very appropriate. It is also beautifully worked, but the quality of the leather is not worthy of the tooling. Trautz-Bauzonnet (70) is the best piece of this artist's work in the exhibition. The tooling is good. He is said to have excelled all modern workmen in this particular, but this exhibit does not fully prove it. Marius Michel (77) is a "Paul and Virginia," and has a pretty inlaid floral monogram of V. and P. in the centre of cover. It is neat in design and well worked. No. 123 by the same artist is a gorgeous inlaid design in Persian style and well worked. Marius Michel is undoubtedly the best dorcur or finisher in Paris to-day. Lortic (155) is a beautiful and appropriate inside design, every tool perfectly and brightly worked. This is the best specimen in the French department. There are many other examples worthy of mention, and there are several specimens deserving of condemnation bearing the names of the best Paris binders.

In the English department (81) by Zaehnsdorf has a dentelle border nicely tooled; (87) by Bedford has an overcrowded, overworked design, poorly tooled for so good a binder; (100) by Riviere & Son has a Maioli design, rendered effective by studying the workmanship being also good; the most striking exhibit in this department (119) by Bedford is a similar design and fairly well worked. This style seems to be favored by the English binders and is rich in effect. Holloway (121) has a good aldine design solidly and brightly worked. Charles Lewis (124) was a binder of the early part of the century. This is a good specimen of his excellent work. Zachnsdorf (147) has a good Grolier design well worked. None of the exhibits in the English department show superiority in originality of design or in brilliancy of tooling, although many may be classed as good.

In the American department (157) is a Gutenberg Bible of 1450. It is covered in dark brown levant and has a pure Grolier design inlaid with dark blue. This is an old design, as old in fact as the printing, but its choice is more appropriate than a modern one, and its execution is faultless. A memorial volume (88) has the design on light brown levant inlaid with blue and red. The four corners have an intricate but symmetrical intersected design connected by panels of early Italian ornament. There is not an engraved tool used in the execution of this design. This binding is said to have called forth the admiration of Petit, the Paris binder. Barclay's "Ship of Fools" (56) is a dark brown levant with a gorgeous design of rich Venetian tooling, solid and brilliant as polished metal. The New Testament, Longman's edition (89) is in light brown levant, inlaid with blue and red, the design being in the style of Grolier, but original in its scrollwork. These are four among sixteen samples contributed by Matthews, senior. A volume (59) in brown levant with an intersected design with myrtle sprigs in corners after a design by Niedrée is exceeding well executed. Moore's "Irish Melodies" (64) is green levant tooled very brightly with a design of shamrock leaf. "Son Altesse la Femme" (62) has a rich De Rome border, tooled by the binder's own hand. These are samples of Alfred Matthews's work. Exhibit No. 67 is from the bindery of Brads, reet. It is in green levant with a double of crimson and has a rich inlaid lozenge border. It is well tooled.

## MR. LOWELL'S SPEECH AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.

*From the Report in The London Times.*

I am sure that the ideal after-dinner speech is waiting for me somewhere with my address upon it, if I could only be so lucky as to come across it. [Laughter.] I confess that hard as festivity, or perhaps I may say, too soft good nature, has compelled me to make so many unideal ones that I have almost exhausted my natural stock of universally applicable sentiment and my acquired provision of anecdote and allusion. [Laughter.] I find myself somewhat in the position of Heine, who had prepared an elaborate oration for his first interview with Goethe, and when the awful moment arrived could only stammer out that the cherries on the road to Weimar were uncommonly fine. [Laughter.] But, fortunately, the duty which is given to me to-night is not so onerous as might be implied in the sentiment which has called me up. I am consoled not only by the lexicographer as to the meaning of the phrase "to answer for," but also by an observation of mine, which is that speakers on an occasion like this are not always expected to allude except in distant and vague terms to the subject on which they are specially supposed to talk. Now, I have a more pleasing and personal duty, it appears to me, on this my first appearance before an English audience on my return to England. It gives me great pleasure to think that in calling upon me, you can call upon me as representing two things which are exceedingly dear to me, and which are very near to my heart. One is that I represent, in some sense the unity of English literature, whether whatever sky it may be produced [cheers]; and the other is that I represent also that growing friendliness of feeling, based on a better understanding of each other, which is growing up between the two branches of the British stock. [Cheers.]

I could wish that my excellent successor here as American Minister could fill my place to-night, for I am sure that he is as fully inspired as I ever was with a desire to draw closer the ties of friendship between the mother and the daughter, and could express it in a more eloquent and more emphatic manner than even I myself could do, at any rate in a more authoritative manner. For myself I have only to say that I come back from my native land confirmed in my love of it and in my faith in it. I come back also full of warm gratitude for the feeling that I find in England; I find in the old home a guest chamber prepared for me and a warm welcome. [Cheers.] Repeating what his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has said, that every man is bound in duty if he were not bound in affection and loyalty to put his own country first, I may be allowed to steal a leaf out of the book of my adopted fellow-citizens in America; and while I love my native country first, as is natural, I may be allowed to say I love the country next best which I cannot say has adopted me, but which I will say has treated me with such kindness, where I have met with such universal kindness from all classes and degrees of people, that I must put that country at least next in my affection. [Cheers.] I will not detain you longer. I know that the essence of speaking here is to be brief, but I trust I shall not lay myself open to the reproach that in my desire to be brief I have resulted in making myself obscure. [Laughter.] I hope I have expressed myself explicitly enough; but I would venture to give another translation of Horace's words, and say that I desire to be brief, and therefore I efface myself. [Laughter and cheers.]

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