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THE STEADY ABSORPTION. By our large cities so large a proportion of the country population, is undoubtedly a growing evil. It is, at the same time, one that is inappreciably impossible to check. The monotony of a farmer's life, the love of excitement, the desire for high wages, and the pleasures and temptations of the city combine to bring about this result. The experience of other countries is similar to our own. In Great Britain, between 1831 and 1841, the agricultural class fell off 22 per cent., while the number engaged in mechanical industries and business pursuits in the towns, rose about 46 per cent. The movement of population in France, also, is in the direction of the cities. In view of these facts, a very well considered article in a Northern paper, headed "A Warning to Young Men," and based upon a letter from a man of "twenty years' experience in business," and of unimpeachable character and sound health; who, with his family, "hardly sees his way to his daily bread," will probably do no good. Our contemporary remarks:

"We have little doubt that the common faults of our young men have brought our correspondent, with thousands like him, to this present unfortunate condition. They spend on a small income as if they had a large one. There is no habit of economy with them. They forget that a few dollars saved every year will soon form a fund to keep the wolf from the door. They have a contempt for petty savings. They eat their cake while they are young, and expect to have it when they are old. Their cigars, and suppers, and dress, and excursions take what would have sheltered them in a rainy day, and then they blame Providence or society in general. Before their income is assured, they marry, and their wives have the same habits. Silks and satins, carpets and pianos, soon eat away each year's surplus. With children, expenses increase, and no savings are behindhand. At length, some chance throws them out of employment, and they stand with hunger and beggary staring them in the face."

All lower mercantile positions are too much crowded already. The competition is intense; and without influential friends, or some profitable talents, a young man fresh from the country stands but a poor chance of success, whether it be in New York, Chicago, St. Louis or elsewhere.—*Balt. Gazette.*

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.—Readers often urged against Dickens' novel, "Bleak House," its glaring impossibility; they thought the novelist was going beyond the usual license allowed to writers of works of imagination, when he represented Lady Dedlock, the honored wife of a man of high position, and a leader in fashionable circles, holding her position and her fame, subject to the threats of a Talker and a Smaller. But, as usual, fiction is less improbable than truth; and the case of Lady Dedlock less surprising than that of Lady Tairs. This lady, described as the daughter of a Polish count, with a fortune of 125,000 francs, the wife of the Queen's advocate, Sir Travers Tairs, the well-known author of a treatise on International Law, and Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, has for years been covering beneath the threats of a low, blackmailing attorney. Proceedings were commenced against this scoundrel on behalf of Sir Travers; the lady was examined and cross-examined for two days, in which she met every foolish question put to her by the defendant, and answered them with an air of confidence and the eminent lawyer presiding the high offices he had so worthily and brilliantly filled. The truth of the case will now, perhaps, be never known; or the fate of the ill-fated woman whose conduct, of late years, has been above the breath of scandal.—*Petersburg Progress.*

HORACE B. CLAFIN, a prominent member of the Bald-headed Club, is as quaint and humorous as he is keen-witted and rich. They tell the following good story about him:—On the 15th of February, about 5 o'clock, Clafin was sitting alone in his private office, when a young man, pale and careworn, timidly knocked at his door. "Mr. Clafin," said he, "I am in need of help. I have been unable to meet certain payments, because certain parties have not done as they agreed by me, and would like to have \$10,000. I came to you because you were a friend to my father, and might be a friend to me." "Come in," said Clafin, "come in and have a glass of wine." "No," said the young man, "I don't drink." "Have a cigar, then?" "No, I never smoke." "Well," said the joker, "I would like to accommodate you but I don't think I can." "Very well," said the young man, as he was about to leave the room, "I thought perhaps you might. Good day, sir." "Hold on," said Mr. Clafin, "you don't drink?" "No." "Nor smoke?" "No." "Nor gamble, nor nothing of the kind?" "No, sir, I am superstitious of the kind." "No, sir, I am superstitious of the kind." "Well," said Clafin, with tears in his voice and his eyes, too, "you shall have it, and three times the amount if you wish. Your father let me have \$5,000 once, and I will trust you. No thanks—I owe it to you for your father's trust."—*New York Star.*

BLACK-MALLING.—The other morning one of our wealthiest bankers, as he was sitting down to the breakfast table, was told that a lady wished to see him in the reception room. He went in and found a middle-aged woman standing in the middle of the floor. "I want," she said, a thousand dollars in money, and I want it now. I want a place in your banking-house for my nephew, worth \$2,500 a year. "I shall give you neither," was the reply. "Then I'll come down to your banking-house and denounce you, and I will also denounce you to your wife." The banker rang his bell, and as the servant appeared, he said, "Ask my wife to step in here, and send in the coachman." They both appeared about the same time. The coachman was ordered to go for the police. To his wife the gentleman said, "You have often heard of a black-maller; I want you to look at one." The word police was enough for the visitor, and she hurried out without standing upon the order of her going.—*New York Letter.*

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