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### THE CRAZE FOR ANCESTRY.

"Whom Adm delved and Eve span  
Who was then the gentleman?"

The custodians and clerks of the great public libraries in the country report the curious fact that they are over-run with calls for books of genealogical data, and bearing upon family descent and pedigree, and the strange feature of the case is the extraordinary variety of character and personnel of these motley-seekers into the ancient science of heraldry.

There is the upstart parvenu who started life with the assertion and belief that "money is everything," but after having by book and by crook, "divers and sundry ways" accumulated what he vulgarly terms "his pile," not content with the original view he had of life, sets out to establish claims to aristocratic descent, and mounts his stationary, harness and carriages with a coat of arms and "crest," which he either filches from the published armorial bearings of some noble European family whose name he fancies has some resemblance to his own, or else has it made to order by some commercial firm, whose business it is to cater to the ridiculous ambition and insane claims of shoddy aristocracy. Among these pedigree hunters, however, are many worthy people who would be better employed in some other manner than in wasting their time over books on genealogy. And those who do educate and refinement, a courteous and cordial manner, and a proper consideration for the feelings and rights of others are sufficient qualifications for gentlemen and ladies.

It must be confessed, though, that some excuse should be made for these deluded people, when we see the examples shown them throughout the land by those classes, who by virtue of claims to noble birth and position are so-called leaders of society. Every simple social function and every family event of importance is heralded to the world through the columns of the newspapers, accompanied by an elaborate ancestral history; the launching of a young girl into society by the advertising of her charms, both in print and by pictures. If there is any standard of good taste and modesty to justify this condition of affairs we can only ejaculate, O Mora, O Tempore!

If some of these claimants to lengthy pedigrees would be more careful about unearthing ancestors who were never even married to each other, perhaps it would be better for all concerned. For the "bar sinister" doesn't count outside the "blood royal."

People who are perpetually talking about their pedigree and aristocratic genealogy, as a rule have something to disclose. While on the other hand those who feel assured of their position and can say with "Inadvice" in the "Benjamin Gri" "My birth is noble and unblemished my crest," seldom allude to be subject at all.

QUO VADIS PUT ON THE STAGE.—The dramatic version of Henry Siemkiewicz's "Quo Vadis" received its first production at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, Tuesday evening. The dramatization is by Stanislaus Stange, and follows the main incidents of the book closely. The scenery, by D. Frank Hodge, of New York, received a large share of the applause.

"Quo Vadis" is presented in six acts and eight scenes, some of the latter, particularly the banquet scene in Nero's palace and the panorama of the burning of Rome, being especially realistic in design and gorgeous in coloring. The cast was in part as follows: Vincius, Joseph Hawthorth; Petronius, Arthur Forrest; Nero, Edmund Lyons; Ursus, Elmer Grand; Lygia, Roselle Keott; Eunice, Maude Fenty. The play held the interest of the audience from the start and there were numerous curtain calls. Incidental music composed by Julian Edwards furnished a pleasant feature, the choral numbers and the dances being in accord with the period which "Quo Vadis" covers. The advance sale of seats broke the record at McVicker's.

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