

TWO AMERICAN TRAITS.

We Are a People of Runaways and Profigate Spendthrifts.

Two of our national characteristics are going to preserve the equilibrium of these blessed United States. In the first place the American love of danger, in the second place the American indifference to home.

"What did you wish should happen to you?" I asked, to humor what I believed to be an affection.

"Just what did happen the other day," he responded, with a slight shrug of his shoulders. "I wanted to be in an accident. I never have been in an accident and I have done some pretty risky things."

The fact is, this person is thoroughly American. We do like to be scared. As to the second characteristic, the indifference to home, we shall never be anything but roamers.

It is not merely the unrest of possession that seizes him. He is impelled by a love of change, that natural fickleness which makes him dissatisfied with that particular side of the street or the architectural plan of certain rooms, and so in a brace of years the palace is to let furnished or it is in the market, and mildred, with his family, wandering in the four quarters of the globe.

What Physicians and Lawyers Earn. Says a west side physician: "Probably the most lucrative medical practice in Chicago is worth about \$25,000 a year. That is the best the most successful physician in Chicago can do."

Russian Cities' Fire Department. The same precautions against fire are taken in Moscow and St. Petersburg today that were in use a century ago.

Better Than Hotbed Processes. "Better know one thing well than many indifferently," was the rule by which the children of the last generation were trained, while a good education was thought to be a growth of years and not to be forced by the hotbed process now too much in vogue.

New Passenger Coaches. "We don't like to put new passenger coaches on through service," said an old railroad man to me. Asked for a reason he said: "Through passengers have a bad habit of putting their feet on the new plush, spoiling it in a very short time."

Foot and Meter. According to Mr. E. G. Ravenstein, the English foot is used as the standard of length by countries having 461,000,000 inhabitants, the meter by 347,691,000 people, and the Castilian foot by 5,905,000.

The Oldest Arm Chair. The oldest arm chair in the world is the throne of Queen Hatshepsut, who flourished in Egypt 1,600 years B. C. It is made of ebony and is beautifully carved. It is now one of the most recent treasures of the British museum.

FIELD FOR FEMALE TALENT.

School of Industrial Art in Philadelphia. One Woman's Work.

About the time of the closing of the Centennial exposition in 1876, a committee was formed and provided with \$30,000 in cash, for the purpose of securing from foreign exhibitors specimens of their best handicraft in industrial art subjects, to be used as a nucleus for an educational museum in this city.

The result of her labors is the magnificent collection of art works that now fill the Memorial hall in Fairmount park, part of which were purchased and the balance donated by foreign and native exhibitors.

Among the subjects taught are designs for carpets, rugs, wall papers, in which there have been a progress within the past five years that is simply marvelous; oilcloths, calicos and all sorts of textile fabrics, two-thirds of all the "genuine Suymas," are made in Philadelphia.

The purpose of the school is to furnish such instruction in drawing, painting, modeling, carving and designing as is required by designers, superintendents and workmen in the various decorative arts, and to serve as a training school for teachers of these branches.

As the pupils advance they are taught to make their own designs, the character of the designs being confined as closely as possible to work that could be applied to practical use.

An important feature of the instruction is that of compelling the pupil, after having made the designs, either in textile or in a purely art department, to work them out in real articles.

In an institution owing its existence almost wholly to the indomitable pluck and push of one woman, there are naturally a large proportion of women students, but they are by no means the majority of those benefited.

Within a few months art schools in three large western cities have sent representatives to this city to ask after the feasibility of industrial plans.

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