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MEDITATIONS UPON THE DRAMA OR NIHIL EX PROFUNDIS

Jelly fish are less spineless than cocktails. An introduction of sundry varieties of California Cacti would only confuse the subject and render it more abstruse to the lay reader. How shall we penetrate to the Soul of the East? Yet "La Tosca" continues to play to a full house and millions who daily frequent the cinema. Nothing is more enigmatical than insanity. To be sure New Zealand, with an idea to its tabloid configuration, can be defended as an inspiring spectacle. Persian mysticism and dawns of disillusionment in the parched desert are both off-shoots of the suburban trend. With this in view, we call to mind that ping-pong and skating are the daily pastimes of the idle rich. Yet what is the advantage of quoting from Marcus Aurelius? Everyone has happy memories of childhood whereas the owner of the champion Airedale of Buffalo, New York, is an ardent free-will advocate. Such a course is diametrically opposed to free-thinking and fore-ordination. Men have labored and died for truth,—and here it is, summed up in the Yellow Peril. Nevertheless the blood of the earth-worm is practically colorless, containing no haemoglobin, unlike that of man. A careful perusal of the drama section of any reputable magazine will bear out this absence of chlorophyll.

The romantic 'nineties were the scene of gaudy and harmless scandal, yet according to Erasmus (cp. "In Praise of Polly") the world is a mess of incandescent vapor. Countless thousands of the intellectualista still memorize "Annabel Lee," yet Edgar Guest is himself forgotten, though the cost, it appears, is very moderate. Irving Rabinowitz, the Zionist comedian, has more diseases and he suffers from them often. Yet who could doubt that the Woolworth building is higher than the Cathedral at Chartres. As a matter of fact after a few days spent in examination of the New Thought in Pedagogy the Montessori Method, and the Gary System such discussion is at once simple and infallible.

Mathematical formulae are worked out for every emergency, yet grocery clerks continue to steal prunes and ginger snaps, and doctors in poor neighborhoods continue to rely upon the therapeutics taught them in their Eclectic Medical Colleges in 1884. The Y. M. C. A. team at Bucyrus, Iowa, is more valuable than the Elks Hall or the Monument to George Washington at Covington, Ky., yet the value of a Board of Aldermen increases in inverse ratio to the nebular void. As for the Drama it vacillates, touching the novel on the one side and the epic on the other.

Moreover the Supreme Court would as promptly uphold a law prohibiting the chewing of gum (rachrasopota) on the grounds that any unnecessary chewing might tempt great hordes of morons to chew tobacco (nicotinniana tobaccum). An open eye and an attentive ear do much to make life enjoyable. "Drink More Bevo Week" is at hand, yet nothing could do more violence to my conscious beliefs. On the other hand, quadrillions of amoeboid pseudopodiasperes broke out at one time to become recognizable as mesogonus on account of the amazing increase in the death rate among Egyptian camels caused by the tsetse fly (which would gladly "Walk a Mile for a Camel.")

Seniors Hostesses at Bargain Dance

On Saturday evening, September 24, the Senior class gave a Bargain Dance in the Bargain Basement of Alice Clewell Building. The admission was fifteen cents or two for a quarter. An excellent jazz-orchestra was secured for the occasion and a large crowd was present. Refreshments consisting of hot dogs and cold drinks were sold afterwards by members of the Senior Class.

A new orchid is called Sophrodactylettleya. And they ask us to say it with flowers.

THE NEW BOOKS

Quite a number of new books have been published recently. Some of these are: "The Pageant of Civilization," by P. B. Warren which is a story of the romance and adventure of the world as told by stamps; "East of the Sun and West of the Moon," which is a record of the travels of Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt, told by themselves, and, "Trader Horn," the life and works of Alfred Aloysius Horn.

Several interesting novels have appeared. Among these are: "The Mob," by Vincent Blasco Ibañez; "The Canary Murder Case," by S. Van Dine; "Yesterday's Harvest," by Margaret Pedler and "Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Willa Cather.

A book which will surely be very interesting is "Lee: A Dramatic Poem," by Edgar Lee Masters, in which the author lives up to what has been expected of him after some of his earlier works.

JOKES

Dark brown were her eyes,
Gold shown in her hair.
Her neck resembled ivory,
And her cheeks were peaches
rare.

Her teeth were tiny pearls,
Her lips a cherry red;
Could she have lived in ages past,
She'd reigned in Venus' stead.

I sighed as I turned away,
Went slowly toward the door.
For she was just a wizen form
In a department store.
—The Maroon and Gold.

"Johnny swept through college
in three years and never made a fraternity."

"What was the matter?"
"Well, you see, it's like this:
Most fraternities on this campus
don't sign up the janitors because
they aren't enrolled or something."
—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

"Why did Madeline change her
mind and go to Radcliffe."
"The buildings there matched her
new sport roadster."
—N. Y. Medley.

He Hoped Wrong
A man who had run out of gasoline on the outskirts of a New Hampshire town, saw a young boy coming along the road, carrying a big tin can.

"Say, boy," he yelled, "I hope that's gasoline you have in that can."
"Well, I hope it ain't," returned the boy with some heat. "It would taste terrible on ma's pancakes."

It's a toss-up between the horse and the Prince of Wales—Lehigh Barr.

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