As much as one may dislike to criticise, yet very many obvious facts make one doubt whether to a satisfying degree americans have at this time facts on of a principle. In fact, the moral principles of society are always on trial. They must be tested by each individual, by each generation. So the fundamental doctrines of our government can only be vindicated by a continuous test of them.

The two possibilities of a democracy have been present in every attempt to establish a democratic order of society. It has been we conflict between rudeness, and refinement, between roarseness and culture, between that which is low and that which is high. The executioners of Louis XVI. did not take off their hats during the horrible deed, while two priests, who had been ordered to be present, laughed and joked about the affair. France was drunk with the poisoned wines of democracy, and this was the manner that the people used to show their superiority, it was the way that seemed best to them to display the authority of the multitude, it was their conception of the royal ways of freedom and democracy.

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Matthew Arnold put his finger on the real, the hard problem of democracy when he said. "The difficulty of democracy is how to find and keep high ideals." The yalue of this statement is in the assumption that high and not low ideals are the alm of democracy. But is democracy an opportunity for every man to rise to the best? Or is it not a universal permission to every man to do as he pleases? Is it a sceme in the interests of high morals, or high thinking and of high living; or is it a charter of loose morliving; or is it a charter of loose mor-als, low thinking and common living? Does it lay sternly and unrelentingly

faith in democracy has been well veri-fied, says, "It is that form of society in which every man has a chance and knows he has it." That is well said. No one can doubt its meaning, no one and a good chance to become an aris-

them an innate desire to rise. They seem to be constitutionally aristocratic. They are ruled by the impulse of progress; not progress in one direction only, but in every direction. That is the historical meaning of American freedom. It was a struggle not in behalf of commonality, but in behalf of rich man. universal aristocracy. So the record All genuine Americans want to rise in the scale of industry, of society, of political influence and fame. They want to lift the family name and make it count for larger values. Even Jefferson as the hero of democracy, jealousy preserve his old estate and visit Montecello with thereverence due an ancient aristocrat. While the peo-ple of Tennessee talk of the Hermithome, as if it-were a temple of worunaccountable cause, came to these

are really good signs. show that the essential soul of democracy is vital in the American people. large degree the Americans still understand and highly value the true



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tly come to stay. Eliminating, as it does, all from the waist line, it is very desirable wearing with a closely-fitted gown. This del has a pretty flounce at the bottom of the ticoat, and is daintly inserted on the cornet-

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of a sound democracy, and it takes perplass woman and child as it will trait, a hearthle tendency in a nation's

The boldest example of giving undue importance to the incidental over the real is the power which wealth has the obligation upon every member of grown to have in the American mind. Society to labor carnestly and cease-lessly to rise in the scale of manhood, an American trait. The poor are pospower and destiny? That it does I believe every defend-er of democracy will boldly assert. On no other ground can it be defended, on no other grounds have its advocates attempted to defend it. Lowell, whose icans too largely reckon the virtues of their country in the terms of money. Hither come the poor out of all lands because they have got the notion that one can doubt its meaning, no one in this land a poor man may become can successfully dispute its truthful- a rich man, and because he is rich one can doubt its meaning, no one in this rand a poor man may become a successfully dispute its truthfulness. The glory of a democracy is that it gives every man a fair chance to become an aristic man, and because he is rich the summit of their admiration, literary style of to-day as compared should own their selection for the with the literary style of fifty years that it gives every man a fair chance in this rand a poor man may become a rich the summit of their admiration, literary style of to-day as compared with the literary style of fifty years crown. They have no right to put on ago. The private as well as the public the throne that which they will not letters of Jefferson, Madison, Calhoun, tocrat; not an aristocrat of a fictitious and worked his way to a fabulous for- honor. sort, but one of personal merit.

At least this may be assumed of the English speaking nations. There is in them an innate desire to rise. They the real man has ascended to a higher, a better and a stronger type of manhood. It does not prove that democracy has done anything of eternal worth. It only shows that in our ful minds; it will be their immortal democracy a poor man may become a prove is that here a weak man may become a strong man, that a man can and have it counted and fully valued. voters. He is called tame, is pitied as one who means well but lacks force. What he says is true and worthy of consideration but is better in the parfor than it is on the hustings.

A DISCORDANT NOTE.

If one really wishes to reach and to lease and to influence what is called age, Andrew Jackson's old country the "American masses," he must sound the note of loudness, of extravagance, ship. And one hears very much talk of vulgarity. It must be assumed that in democratic America about the sup- the masses have a strong taste for imposedly-noble ancestry that, for some moral jokes, personal thrusts, vituper-unaccountable cause, came to these ation, slander and words that flame with malice. They laugh at profanity These are not signs to be feared. they enjoy loose jokes, and they call They vituperation courageous genius. So it has come to pass that clean, highminded, cultured men dread the husare satisfactory proofs that to a tings; they find themselves without a degree the Americans still unthe morals of American politics des-Benefits of a democracy. But these cend in the scale of coarseness and may mean no more than the impulse vulgarity.

Of this spirit there is no sadder, no more hurtful, example than that type DAILY FASHION SERVICE of partisan journalism which prospers and grows more and more popular among the American masses. Per-haps there is not to be found closer students of public taste than this type tastes, not the needs of their customers. Their daily boast is, "We voice the sentiment of the masses." They the language of the masses, they know the weaknesses of them, they know the prejudices of them, and they know the level of thought that prevails among them. So this type of journalism may be taken as a trust-worthy interpretation of the tenden-

cies of the multitudes in America. This class of papers may be known at once by their vulgar bigness. Head-lines in loud colors of link, big type and the insanest sort of composition. Cartoons that are ugly, false, mean and cowardly degrade the pages, while editorials blaze with passion and can do nothing less than arouse blind venom in the patrons. It is a policy of making men drunk that they may be the more easily cheated. It is a policy that develops the dope habit that one may run a prosperous dope factory. And just why China with its oplum habit is an object for American pity while Americans with an incur-able thirst for the moral dopes of vulthat develops the dope habit gar gossip are complacent, is a concelt which may not be easily explained. Certainly a nation always doped on venom has nothing to boast over one

that is doped on a drug. It will be recalled that Senator Hanna during his political career was one of the worst victims of this low pol-ley and vulgar taste among Americans. The cartoonist seemed to reach the heights of his genius in vegrading this American citizen, supposedly a free American citizen, in the minds of his of the nation he was pictured as a beast consumed with a diabolical gluttony for-gold. Millions of his felw citizens, who never saw him, came o regard him as the incarnation of

character? has he soul, great soul? has he personal manhood? In sound democracy these are the ques-tions he must answer.

POWER OF GOLD. But these are and the questions Americans ask oftenest and ask loud-est. They are not too things which Americans tell with largest empha-sis, "He is worth fifty millions," is the statement that makes American eyes open widest and the American imagination get busy with day dreams. -Fifty millions seem to bring in sight perpetual freedom from work, endless indulgence in sensuous luxuries, the most costly outward decoration, a note of omnipotence in the voice, and the worshipful service and friendship of men. the triumphs of riches, great riches, and they are too loudly proclaimed by Americans. Even the virtuous editor who prophesies with the stern-ness of Cato against this immoral defication of riches, lays down his column bearing the headlines, "The spat on the steps as he was leaving. Editor Greatly Honored: A Special and when asked his reasons for such an ugly act replied, "Oh it makes me Recognition by Millionaires."

of the masses who clothe it in their imaginations with such royalty. The people who invest it with regal pow-

end of their attempt at a democracy when they polish stones so bright shame when they sell the virtues of a great nation for the paultry badges raiment and fares sumptuously every day does not cleanse it from coarseness and paganism.

SUPREMACY OF MANHOOD. The immortal triumph of American democracy must be found in the supreme regard for moral manhood formed after the loftlest ideals. The supremacy of manhood is the only true note of a sound democracy. is with Americans whether they can learn to sound it, and keep it asounding through all the earth for all times, "You will do," to quote a fine saying of Epictetus, "the greatest service to the State, if you shall raise not the roofs of the houses, but the souls of the citizens; for it is better that great souls should dwell in small houses than slaves should live charge of a wicked and unpardonable

But there are other forms in which the sad decadence of the true ideals fabulous expense, built his great estate of our national spirit and national of Biltmore and was generous enough are not deposed to sit in calm judg- fined and grateful public would have velopments. Serious forces are

Hon. James Bryce in his "American traits as well as public deeds.

mars our national character, and one which we should diligently strive to cause they are free, wish to assert their freedom after the manner of the conty tolerable in a half-civilized Nor can the lack of personal culture be hid beneath the veneering of fabulous wealth and a dramatic show of sion, may be called a nervous reckless sion, may be called a nervous reckless.

Of this love of the extravagant, this delight in the glaring, and this approval of the loud there is no better example to be found than in the inability of the calm, the wise and the sincere tsatesman to secure the sym-pathetic attention of the American Nor is the patronage of this class of the menial. Such journals are found on the desks of preachers, of lawyers of physicians, bankers, manufacturhomes of those who are supposed to have their minds tuned to a higher note, whose thoughts and ideals are of edging to trim. If made without of the edge of material will be needed a friend handed hir. Hanna the latest concern. If this national vulgarity grew sad. He replied. "It does seem to me that my government which I grew sad. He replied. "It does seem to might be charged to ignorance and cured by atrive to serve and to which I pay my education, but it is not peculiar to the unlearned. The learned relish it is with 10 cents, silver or pay to educate the gravest confined to the unlearned to the unlearned by taxes might protect my wife from this unlearned. The learned relish it.

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that is indulged in by classes that should be far removed from such unbecoming practices. It is what may be called vulgar familiarity. It shows itself in speaking of men in authority as the bootbiacks in the back alley speak to and of each other. It leaves off all titles, it discards all forms of responsible address, it uses ugly nicknames and employs the slang of the streets in the place of the high terms of cultured and honorable society. This vulgar familiarity is the 5 mptom of that disease in a democracy which destroys the sense of refined character. It is a way of saying "he is no better than I am," which would not be had if the custom did not show that its patrons thought themselves pen, rents an evening suit from a clothing house, attends a function at one of the millionaire palaces in the avenue, and gives the local reporter and good people regret to accept. A man once visiting the White House man once visiting the White House feel like the thing isn't above me.' It is this fictitious exaltation of A people whose sense of dignity can wealth that makes it a real peril to only be preserved by a wholesale prac-American democracy. The peril does tice of vulgar manners and low speech not lie in the existence of wealth, for cannot lay claims to any very great certainly poverty is not the noblest virtue of a democracy. But when wealth becomes conceited, arrogant, his hat to a negro who had taken his tyrannical, indolent and insolent it is off to the General did not make for the surest and shortest way to a social equality; it only showed the inhopeless poverty of manhood and the disgrace to a people. That it should man of high position. Social decay ever hold such a place is not so much has made fearful advances when it bethe fault of the rich as it is the fault comes grounds of suspicion to be of the masses who clothe it in their courteous, refined and high-minded. DECAY OF CULTURE.

the society that enthrones it at summit of their admiration is strikingly illustrated in the Webster, Sumner and Lamar were issues were at stake and interest was at its height, the deliverances were that they eclipse the light of master- dignified and manly. They did not descend to the vulgarieties of the mob, they did not employ the instruments of the law. They spoke as men of of a material show. This is the vul- high breeding, high ideals and charged garity, the unpardonable vulgarity, with great responsibilities. It was of wealth. That it is adorned in fine this period and these men who gave the nation a proud standard of oratory. Their speeches belong to our literature and are studied in our schools as are the speeches of Cicero Demosthenes. speeches

delivered many the United States Senate within the past two decades will eventually find their place in our literature as have the speeches of Webster and Calhoun, Sumner and Lamar, I do not undertake to say. However, it seems a long ways from Senator Calhoun and Senator Lamar to much we hear on the Southern platform to-day. Nor does this distance show that the nation has risen in the scale of high speech and courteous contests. Americans are exposed to

vandalism, a trait that does any peo-ple great discredit. Mr. Vanderbilt, at conduct is showing itself. Blinded by to grant the public the privilege of goan enthusiastic pride in our past and ing through it and enjoying its beauties a prejudiced faith n our future, we and learning lessons from it. A rement upon the tendencies of our de- guarded the estate with jealous care and shown themselves worthy of such lowed to go unchallenged, and we high confidence. However, the spirit grant charters to ignorant novices to of vanadalism asserted itself and of journalists. Their chief aim is to grant charters to ignorant novices to of vanadalism asserted itself and produce that which will sell fastest in practice their conceits upon our citistringent limitations became necessary the largest market. They study the zenship. ruthless hands of a careless public Commonwealth" says that we Ameri- Mr. Vanderbilt's experience is repeated cans have a fondness for bold and in all sections of the nation. The Nastriking effects. The author's char- tional Park is only kept together by acter and friendship are both security the strictest military regulations and against this being a bit of small criticism. It is the utterance of a capable and calm student of public ship show the scars of a pagan vandaltraits as well as public deeds. ism. But one never goes into a court However, no sane and patriotic house without being impressed by a American can have delight in such a multitude of loathsome signs of Americanical characteristic. It is not an vandalism. Private property, honorable virtue to which we honorable virtue to which we may valuable products, the outcome of point with pride. It is a blot that hard toll and many sacrifices, never

tolerable in a half-civilized race. *Another discreditable habit which That Mr. Bryce was justified in making this statement is unfortunately verified by a host of undeniable facts. I wish I could confront the declaration with a bold challenge of its truthfulness. But this I dare not do. The facts bear witness against such a denial. and the slightest hint are accepted as valid testimony. Maddened with turbulent emotionalism they proclaim a hero one day and condemn him the next day. Admiral Dewey had scarcely recovered from the fatigue of his reception before he found himself the object of reientless criticism only because he had done some little thing which his countrymen did not like. The heroism of Manilla was uttacked. he heroism of Manilla was utterly orgotten in the light of a supposed multion to be president of the United States, just as the daring of Hobson was spoiled by the thoughtless enthusiasm of a young woman. A people so fickle, so easily influenced, are always the victims of designing men. Americans are a badly-informed people simply because they take up with any sort of news that may come their way.

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