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CHEAPNESS VERSUS HONESTY.

The International Copyright Bill, now before the United States Senate, is a measure which should receive the support of every self-respecting citizen, not because it embodies the perfection of justice, but because it is a step in the direction of justice.

It is supported by every author and every respectable publisher in America. It is opposed only by certain British publishers who fear the competition of American printers and publishers.

There is not a shadow of reason or honesty in the claim put forward by the opponents of the measure, that it will deprive American readers of "cheap" standard books.

What it will stimulate is the growth of an American literature, clean, honest and national in tone. The only benefit to be gained by the American writer is that of freedom from competition.

This is not a question of protection versus free trade, but of lawful trade against free-booting. There is not a single argument urged in favor of the right to steal an author's ideas.

It is not at all to be wondered at that in a day of frauds and adulterations that prevail from the highest dignity to lowest condition men should ask, Is life worth living? A machine that is all out of order is not worth working.

These seem trite teachings, and yet how true! Who will succeed in a business for which he has no taste? Who can be vile and long play the gentleman?

A WRITER in the February Cosmopolitan tells how the vignette on the cover of the Overland Monthly, of California, was adopted.

road track. The result, a picture of the wild beast apparently turning angrily at the sound of an approaching greater monster.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE, the British Minister at Washington, has had a narrow escape from the fate of his predecessor, Lord Sackville West.

Invention has never, in the world's history, received such quick and bountiful rewards as in our day.

But not only does it turn all the qualities and energies of nature to the help and convenience of man, it even dares to supersede nature and accomplish her results by machinery and new methods.

All social life is full of frauds and imitations, that have more truth or nature in them than artificial honey or paper flowers.

Nature is supreme; will vindicate her rights and punish the wrong doer. Time's glory is to unmask falsehood and bring truth to light.

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We ought to measure our actual lot, and to fulfil it; to be with all our strength that which our lot requires and allows.

I grieved with cold grace and doubting fears The guest who proved an angel at my side; And I have shed more bitter, burning tears

Behold our King marcheth before us who will fight for us. Let us follow Him manfully; let no one fear terrors; let us be ready to die valiantly in battle.

Life is altered now; I have done penance for contemning Love, Whose high imperious thoughts have punished me

Ever at our sides there is golden life being lived. A princely spirit is there, who sees God and enjoys the bewildering splendors of His face.

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