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PRINCE NAPOLEON.

The only man in the French Senate whom the president keeps an eye on when he is speaking, is the Prince Napoleon, which is rather strange, seeing that he is the cousin of the Emperor, and the second heir in the line of succession to the throne. But the Prince is by nature a *frondeur;* he is fond of opposition, and he sometimes votes "no" solitary and alone, simply to show that he dares to. The Prince has a figure-head purely Napoleonic; a handsome face, cleanly shaved; round massive forehead; hair closely cropped, so as to show the "angles of imagination;" eyes brown, small, and hard to fix; eyes in fact that you cannot see; a lorgnette worn impertinently, a good nose, well supported, the mouth divined rather than seen, for the lips are thin and fit exactly, leaving a seam rather than a hole in the face; chin round and upturned, like the chin of his "uncle"—a handsome chin, strong maxilary bones; the total of the face of the full moon order. In expression, concentrated, fine, largely intellectual. The Prince is tall and corpulent, and like all the Bonaparts of the present time, even to the present duck-legged Emperor, affects the swinging "logy" movement of the illustrious head of the family. He is not expansive, and rarely smiles. He suggests, in fact, conspiracies and intrigues. When he speaks from his place in the Senate, for there is no tribune, the house is all attention, for he appears terribly in earnest. He speaks with notes, but only because of the delicacy of his position. If he were not a prince and heir to the throne, he would make a terrible opponent in debate. His style is nervous, virile, decided; he is fond of paradoxes, and of short, striking sentences. His voice is full and penetrating, his gestures subdued, and he is the least fatiguing man in the Senate to listen to. In fine, if it were not for just a little something, one hardly knows what—he would be the superior Bonapart of the day, the Emperor not excepted.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT BOOKS.

Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house. The plainest row of books that cloth or paper ever covered, is more significant of refinement than the most elaborately carved *etagere* or sideboard.

Give us a house furnished with books rather than furniture! Both, if you can, but books at any rate! To spend several days in a friend's house, and hunger for something to read, while you tread on costly carpets, and sitting upon luxurious chairs, and sleeping upon down, is as if one was bribing your body for the sake of cheating your mind.

Is it not pitiable to see a man growing rich augmenting the comforts of home, and lavishing money on ostentatious upholstery, upon the table, upon every thing but what the soul needs? We know of many and many a rich man's house where it would not be safe to ask for the commonest English classics. A few garnished annuals on the table, a few pictorial monstrosities, the latest sensation novel—and that is all! No poets, no essayists, no historians, no travels or biographies, no curious legendary lore. But the wall paper cost five shillings a yard, and the carpets five dollars!

Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. It is a wrong to his family. Children learn to read by being in the presence of books. The love of knowledge comes from reading, and grows upon it. And the love of knowledge in a young mind is almost a warrant against the inferior excitement of passion and vice.

Let us pity these poor rich men who live barrenly in great, bookless houses! Let us congratulate the poor that in our day books are so cheap that a man may every year add a hundred volumes to his library for the price of what his tobacco and his beer would cost him. Among the earliest ambitions to be excited in clerks, workmen, journeymen, and, indeed, among all that are struggling up in life from nothing to something, is that of owning, and constantly adding to a library of good books. A little library growing larger every year is an honest part of every young man's history.

It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessaries of life.—*Episcopalian.*

MEASURING BOXES AND BARRELS.

A barrel contains 10,752 cubic inches. A box 24 inches long by 16 inches wide and 29 inches deep—that is on the inside—will hold just a barrel.

A half barrel—Make a box for this 24 inches by 16, and 14 inches deep. This will contain 5,376 cubic inches, or just half a barrel.

A bushel—This has 2,150 2-10 cubic inches. A bushel box will be 16 8-10 inches square and 8 inches deep.

A half bushel—A box 12 inches long by 11 2-10 inches wide, and 8 inches deep, will hold half a bushel.

A peck—A box 8 inches by 8 4-10 inches square and 8 inches deep is a peck.

A half peck—Is 8 by 8 inches square, and 4 2-10 inches deep, or 268 5-10 cubic inches.

A half gallon—This contains 134 4-10 cubic inches. A box 7 by 4 inches, and 4 8-10 inches deep, has just that quantity.

A quart—4 by 4 inches square, and 4 2-10 inches deep.

A SCENE OF HORROR.—At a meeting of the Edinburgh Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor, the Rev. Dr. Hanna gave the following account of what he called a "scene of horror," which lately occurred in Edinburgh: "A father dies, leaving three grown up sons. By membership in two friendly societies they became entitled to receive £10, which was spent in drink before the burial. The sons then took the father's clothes and pawned them, and spent what they got for them in drink. The mother having remonstrated, she was told that if she did not hold her tongue they would do with her as they had done with the dead; and they did it. They took off her clothes and pawned them, and sent her to bed. Next came the pawning of the furniture, which they disputed about; and in order to settle the dispute, what did these men do? They dragged the dead body from the coffin, set it up against the wall, having previously agreed that, when it was taken, if the head fell in, this way the one was to gain, and if it fell that way the other would be the gainer!"

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