

### "LES MISERABLES."

Observation on the Masterpiece of Modern Fiction by the Great French Writer.

The deadly weight of civilization to those who are below presses sensibly on our shoulders as we read "Les Misérables." A sort of mocking indignation grows upon us as we find society rejecting, again and again, the services of the most serviceable; setting Jean Valjean to pick oakum, casting Galileo into prison, even crucifying Christ. There is a haunting and horrible sense of insecurity about the book. The terror we thus feel is a terror for the machinery of law, that we can hear tearing, in the dark, good and bad between its formidable wheels with the iron stolidity of all machinery, human or divine. This terror incarnates itself sometimes, and leaps horribly out upon us; as when the crouching mendicant looks up, and Jean Valjean, in the light of the street lamp, recognizes the face of the detective; as when the lantern of the patrol flashes suddenly through the darkness of the sewer; or as when the fugitive comes forth at last at evening, by the quiet river side, and finds the police there also, waiting stolidly for vice, and stolidly willing to take virtue instead. The whole book is full of oppression and full of prejudice, which is the great cause of oppression. We have the prejudices of M. Gillenormand, the prejudices in revolt that defend the barricade, and the thorned prejudices that carry it by storm. And then we have the admirable but ill-written character of Javert, the man who had made a religion of the police and would not survive the moment when he learned that there was another truth outside of laws; a just creation over which the reader will do well to ponder. With so gloomy a design this great work is still full of life and light and love. The portrait of the good bishop is one of the most agreeable things in modern literature. The whole scene at Monterfeil is full of the charm that Hugo knew so well how to throw about children. Who can forget the passage where Cosette, sent out at night to draw water, stands in admiration before the illuminated booth and the huckster behind—"lui faisait un peu l'effet d'être le Père éternel?" The pathos of the forlorn sabot laid trustingly by the chimney in expectation of the Santa Claus that was not takes us fairly by the throat; there is nothing in Shakespeare that touches the heart more nearly. The loves of Cosette and Marius are very pure and pleasant, and we cannot refuse our affection to Gavroche, although we may make a mental reservation of our profound disbelief in his existence. Take it for all in all, there are few books in the world that can be compared with it.

—R. L. Stevenson.

### The Unsociability of Bicyclists.

The bicycle has doubtless become one of the greatest promoters of healthy out-door exercise among our young men, as well as some of the older ones—but there is necessarily nothing so in it; in fact, it is the most selfish conception possible. Think of a family man buying a bicycle and starting off to ride while the wife and children are left at home on the veranda to admire the grace and ease with which their lord and master wheels off to get exhilarating whiffs of fresh country air. The economical young man mounts his wheel on a fine afternoon, and whirls off to the residence of his lady love, leans his steed against the front fence, and spends the summer evening on the piazza, while the young lady is, no doubt, thinking of her possibly old-fashioned but more fortunate companion, who has gone out on the road behind a good trotter, to breathe the refreshing evening air. The one wheel is far more economical in every way, and its enthusiastic if not fanatical admirers, no doubt, get much good from it; but, in an article on social recreations, they can not hope for high praise for their favorite machine; it certainly is not a family invention. When Mr. Edison will invent a motor which may be hung beneath the seat of a social tricycle, with a small seat behind for the children, and by which the whole load may whirl off to the country without danger of running away at the first railway crossing, or the necessity for grooming and feeding on the return, then the family may sing the praises of the "cycle." —Milton Bradley, in *Good Housekeeping*.

### Why Hugo Slighted the Cheese.

Jeanne Hugo, the granddaughter and the idol of the poet, having manifested a strong objection to learning the alphabet, her mother, thinking to sharpen her energies, told her one day that until she had learned the first twelve letters she would have no dessert. The first thing the child did was to pour out her troubles to grandpapa, ever ready to listen, but on this occasion powerless to interfere. However, to lighten the privation of his little darling, he proposed to her that they should suffer together—he would touch no dessert so long as she had to abstain. Jeanne approved the arrangement. For many days Victor Hugo persistently refused dessert, alleging various reasons for not partaking of it. But one evening, Jeanne having gone to bed before dinner, a certain kind of cheese, of which he was particularly fond, was placed upon the table. The savory odor assailed his nostrils, and Hugo had almost broken his engagement, when he suddenly remembered the solemn promise made to the child, and checked himself, much to the amazement of his daughter-in-law, Jeanne's mother. That lady, suspecting something mysterious, appealed to him to tell her the meaning of his strange behavior. Seeing there was no help for it, Victor Hugo very meekly cast down his eyes and made a clean breast of it.—Max O'Rell.

### "0, Lor', Hit 'Im Again!"

In the early days of Methodism in Scotland, a certain congregation, where there was but one rich man, desired to build a new chapel. A church meeting was held. The old rich Scotchman rose and said: "Brethren, we dimma need a new chapel; I'll give £5 for repairs."

Just then a bit of plaster falling from the ceiling hit him on the head.

Looking up and seeing how bad it was, he said: "Brethren, its worse than I thought; I'll make it 50 pun."

"Oh, Lord," exclaimed a devoted brother on a back seat, "hit 'em again!"

There are many human tabernacles which are in sore need of radical building over, but we putter and fuss and repair in spots without satisfactory results. It is only when we are personally alarmed at the real danger that we act independently and do the right thing. Then it is that we most keenly regret because we did not sooner use our judgment, follow the advice born of the experience of others, and jump away from our perils.

Thousands of persons who will read this paragraph are in abject misery to-day, when they might be in a satisfactory condition. They are weak, lifeless, full of odd aches and pains, and every year they know they are getting worse, even though the best doctors are patching them in spots. The origin of these aches and pains is the kidney and liver, and if they would build these all over with Warner's safe cure, as millions have done, and cease investing their money in miserably unsuccessful patchwork, they would be well and happy, and would bless the day when the Lord "hit 'em" and indicated the common-sense course for them to pursue.—London Press.

### Gatling Guns.

The Gatling gun weighs about 1,500 pounds and is precisely of the same design as the ordinary canon. There are ten chambers that revolve in the barrel proper, and each chamber has an independent lock. The main barrel is eight inches in diameter. The size of cartridge used is that of the ordinary forty-five Government rifle caliber. Each feed drum contains 240 rounds. The firing is done by operating a crank; the cartridge is exploded by a hammer which works with such great rapidity that 120 cartridges are fired in a minute. The movement of the gun can be so adjusted as to make it either stationary or oscillating, so that the gun practice can become either scattered or centrifugal in its execution. At 700 yards the Gatling gun has been known to hit a 12x15 foot target 396 times out of 400 shots. At 1,200 yards 413 out of 500 shots have struck a 9x25-foot target. To show the rapidity with which the gun can be worked, it might be explained that the time occupied in coming to action front from trot and firing is ten seconds; limber rear, mount and off, thirteen seconds.

NEW ORLEANS paper refers editorially to the wonderful restoration to health of Mr. T. Posey, druggist, 225 Canal street, that city, who some time ago was prostrated by an excruciating attack of sciatica. After much suffering his wife applied St. Jacobs Oil, which cured him promptly and entirely.

### The Industries of Japan.

Japanese industries are mostly conducted in small workshops, with possibly the aid of a primitive water-wheel, fan-making and the manufacture of porcelain, paper, pigments, and lacquers constituting a large portion of the whole. Nearly all kinds of ores are abundant in Japan, but mining and metallurgy, although practiced to some extent for centuries, do not take the prominence that would be expected, when we remember that some of the most exquisite specimens of hammered iron and bronze work to be found in imported collections to-day are the productions of Japanese artists of a thousand years ago.

### Wherever Malaria Exists.

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### Swearing.

"Your Mr. Brown is a queer kind of a preacher," said a Methodist layman to a Presbyterian of the same standing. "Why?" queried the Presbyterian.

"Because he swears, when it is necessary, for he told me so himself."

"It's true, too, but there's nothing wrong in that."

"There isn't? Well, that's strange doctrine for a Christian. I'd like to know how you explain it."

"Simplest thing in the world. He swears when it is necessary, but, my dear brother, it is never necessary to swear, except on the witness stand."

There is a moral to this story, which you can have, if you find.—Merchant Traveler.

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### "The Proper Study of Mankind Is Man."

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From Mr. Harry W. Olmstead, Proofreader of "The Times."

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