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### Unlimited Arbitration.

No intelligent friend of peace can have been much surprised by the fact that the Reichstag refused to fall in love with the scheme for unlimited arbitration of international disputes. The case of the German people is, indeed, calculated to make German statesmen look askance at high-faloot theories. The area of the Empire is 208,810 square miles, whereas the State of Texas alone has an area of 265,896. Within those 208,810 square miles is crowded a population of more than sixty-three millions and the crowding increases with each year. The day is, therefore, not remote when outlets for surplus capital and energy must be found, else the Empire will run the risk of grave internal disturbance.

It is easy enough for England to accept the idea of unlimited arbitration, because England already has a transmarine dominion adequate to all her wants. Unlimited arbitration would consequently imply that England might keep the fruits of former conquests in perfect security, thus escaping the fate which overtook Rome and Spain in their turn. France has no special need to expand, yet France has Algeria, Tunisia and other splendid colonies susceptible of tremendous development. Germany is hemmed in by Russia, France and Austria; for her there is no possibility of peaceful expansion at home. We do not mean to imply that the Kaiser would draw the sword in cold blood, for the mere purpose of widening his frontiers; but history shows that races, like individuals, are driven onward by conditions which they did not create and cannot control. If the German Empire has grown out of the little Electorate of Brandenburg, despite the utmost opposition of rival powers, we may be sure that something besides ambition and greed was at work. The successive princes of the Hohenzollern house have, after all, been but pawns in the game.

Germany's need of expansion is the keener, now that her population is so largely urban. Dwellers in cities are restless in the best times and are especially so, if trade is dull and food is dear. When Germany overcame France, in 1870, the majority of her people lived on farms and were conservative to the marrow. As the civilization has grown more complex, the lines of cleavage between the classes and the masses have become more distinct. The rise and progress of the Socialist party are well calculated to disquiet champions of the existing order. The pressure from within might end in an upheaval, if no outlet for the surplus population and energy were provided in advance. It is easy to say that the German race should sacrifice itself for the sake of the world's peace, but there are limits to altruism, and we know of no instance in which a people has deliberately sacrificed itself in this way. Within the last two decades we have annexed Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines and are, therefore, ill-fitted to preach the gospel of unlimited arbitration. England aids Egypt against the will of the Egyptians, and, generally speaking, the nations continue to rely upon the mailed arm, however diligently they may have

with the velvet glove. In the millennium there will be neither wars, nor rumours of wars, for there will then be but one country and one flag. Alas, the politics of the millennium do not concern mortals whose lot is cast in this age.

### Current News.

Ensign Alfred Scott and wife arrived here yesterday from Colon to take charge of the Salvation Army work in Limon.

A slide has occurred on the San Jose Line, one and a half mile east of the tunnel. Passengers had to be transferred. The telegraph wires in the vicinity were also interrupted.

The proprietor of "The Costa Rica Times" has suspended the publication of the paper for a few weeks. The future name will be the "Progress."

A cable was received yesterday from Jamaica by the agent of the Hamburg-American Line, informing them that it is not likely the "Sarnia" will arrive before midday in consequence of having to call at two extra ports on her way down. It is supposed that she reached Jamaica either Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

At a meeting of many of the retired soldiers of the West India Regiment of Jamaica residing here it was proposed to have a procession on Coronation Day among themselves, dressed in white and wearing Baden Powell hats and leggings. They intend having a few practices on the Plaza de Toros. This procession will be quite distinct from other celebrations.

Three s.s. "Heredia" consigned to the United Fruit Company arrived early yesterday morning from Colon with the following passengers: W. H. Blenel, Mrs. Cardoza, Miss Ida Carlson, Jose A. Robles, A. J. Brown, E. Lines, No Padilla, E. Grecher, Mrs. E. Humphrey and child, Miss N. Humphrey, Master R. Humphrey, 38 deckers and 4 sacks mail.

WANTED:—Bright boy at Winner's photo gallery.

### Squirres Races.

Despite the heavy rains which prevailed at Squirres last week the races were successfully run. On Thursday a heavy shower fell which seemed only to soften the track for the horses, but on Friday it rained nearly the whole day which converted the course into a soft mud.

It is not necessary to go into details; sufficient to say that every stable represented carried away a prize; that Don Dick's Stable took four prizes; that the electric mare Nonette maintained her dignity in beating Grafton at his best in their two contests; that Sanatogen, though a young untried gallop, ed away from her competitors and has given the greater advertisement to the famous drug-fod obtainable only at the Drug Store of our popular Druggist, Mr. C. A. Shaw; that Grafton was more than a match for the other contestants barring Nonette; that Walk-away walked away from superior striders and won a splendid race while they rolled in the mud. Truly, "The race is not always for the swift!" Squirres had a "good-bye" to Nonette yesterday as she took her departure for Cartago to be the pet of another owner. May she

continue for many years more to be the mistress of the Costa Rican turf, to be peerless in her strides. But, know ye turfites, she has bequeathed a double portion of her spirit and mettlesome Sanatogen, when she has left to rule and reign in her stead.

The question that went the round for the two days was, Why was not Limon represented! It would appear that the men have lost their grit and have suddenly become too sanctimonious to run races. Awake, you sacrosantos!

### God's Law Governs Angels and Men.

REVIEW OF ARTICLE "I" OF THE LOWER CRITICS.

To the Editor of the Times.

The critic needs first to learn the alphabet of the Scriptures before taking up such an unimpeachable task of starting such a tirade against God's Law, and against those who are teaching obedience to it. Of Satan, the first apostate, it is written: "The dragon was wrath with the woman—the Church, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which kept the commandments of God." Rev. 12: 17.

Says the critic, "When the lawyer asked Jesus which is the great commandment of the Law, Jesus did not point to the Decalogue." If the critic had known that the essence or substance of the Decalogue is love; love to God and our fellowmen, he would have seen that the Lord pointed to all the precepts of the Decalogue. Said Jesus to the lawyer: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment." The Law was written on two tables of stone; the first table contained the first four Commandments, which defined man's duty to God—to love Him with heart, soul, and mind; and on the second tables was written the other six precepts, defining man's duty to man. So Jesus adds: "The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Therefore, love, the essence of God, and the essence of His Law, is the fulfilling of the Law. "He that hath My Commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth Me." John 14: 21.

The plagiarist critic has used the false logic of a pseudo teacher in his unholy work free of cost.

(Concluded.)

[With this issue we close this controversy. When we accepted the first instalment of manuscript we had no idea of its length. Since then we have received several batches of manuscript from both parties, but, as our space is limited we are compelled to discontinue the publication of it.—Ed. Times.]

### What Constitutes Good Literature.

BY W. HECTOR HALL.

(Special to the Times.)

The best modern usage restricts the word literature to that which deals with the human heart and emotion, including intellectual emotion, that into which no feeling can enter, is not literature. So, for a poet, a scientific treatise is not literature, neither is a simple historical record literature, as for example the news in a newspaper. In-

stead, all histories, treatises, philosophical works, and textbooks and handbooks are literature only in such cases as an appeal is made to the universal heart or the emotions common to mankind.

A little psychology will help us to understand the matter better. The mind has three aspects: the intellectual, which gives us truth; the ethical, which gives us nobility; and the esthetic which gives us beauty. It is really impossible to separate one of these things from the other entirely, but we may say that in Science we have nothing but the intellectual, of truth, in religion nothing but the ethical, or beauty. But as religion without truth or beauty would be a very profligate, so art without truth or nobility would be almost inconceivable.

Literature is far more than art. Of course literature must be artistic; it must have the esthetic element of beauty; but it must also have both nobility and truth; and it must make its appeal through the emotions that to its appeal must be human. Possibly we must admit that all art is human; that its appeal is emotional; but this is not true of all beauty, for a mathematical hyperbola or a parabola is perfectly beautiful, and it is not part in all drawing of artistic beauty; of the parabola or hyperbola does not become art except when executed by the human hand in making an appeal to living emotions.

Distinctions between truth, nobility, and beauty are merely for the sake of helping our thought. That which is noble is as beautiful as that which is beautiful. That which is lacking in truth is lacking also in beauty. This, however, we are not always able to discover without analysing. Something may seem beautiful while we are thinking of beauty alone, but let us see its nobility or its truth, and in the beauty we suddenly discover defects in the beauty we have not perceived before.

Who of us has not seen a woman who seemed at first to be perfectly beautiful, but whom we afterwards found to be lacking in intellect or character. On examining the beauty we discover a weak mouth, inexpressive eyes, and other defects which may in time spoil the perfection of form we had admired so much at first, and we wonder how we could be blind to these defects. The fact is, we are supreme judges; it is likely to blind us to all defects until we can cease to gaze upon that quality and hunt for these.

If we are in any crisis, the first quality of literature that is likely to attract our attention is that of artistic beauty, which may in time spoil the perfection of form we had admired so much at first, and we wonder how we could be blind to these defects. The fact is, we are supreme judges; it is likely to blind us to all defects until we can cease to gaze upon that quality and hunt for these.

(To be Continued.)

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### Queer Tale From Island of Cuba.

Guantuaamo.—This town is all agog with a case of supposed witchery now baffling physicians.

It occurred last Tuesday, Ramos is employed as a messenger by the owner of the cañon of the San Cecilia Sugar Mill. It was Monday when Ramos, driving a small wagon, was going through San Juan woods, just where the Montenegro plantation has its limits when he spied an old woman of haggish appearance and whom he says was dressed with a black skirt and a braided jacket about her head.

As Ramos passed where the woman stood she rose from a sitting posture and motioned him to stop, whereupon he pulled the reins and the two mules hitched to the wagon halted. The following dialogue ensued:

"Are you going to the mill?" asked the woman.  
"Yes, madam; why?"  
"Because I wish you would give me a ride. I cannot walk and I do not believe I can get to the mill."  
"Omons on your own woman."  
"Ramos then came down from his seat and helped the woman to the rear of the wagon and gave her a seat on top of some kegs of nails, which were the load of the vehicle.

The mules were started, and Ramos says it was just a few minutes afterwards that he felt something creeping on his back, just as if a hand was being passed through the back of his neck. He turned around to see what it was, but he began to see everything dark about him and then he felt that he was blind.

Ramos called to the woman, but there was no reply. He got off his seat and searched with his hands for her, but she had disappeared.

The mules, which knew the way, picked their way to the mill and in the course of some time came to full stop in front of the cañon. There Ramos in great anguish told his tale.

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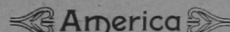
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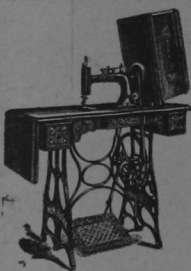


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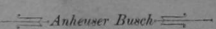
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