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American Art and Kom It Should Be Studied

By ANNA CAULFIELD,



E are Americans, and the proper study of an American is an American. Therefore when we study art we must begin at home. The American is the compound of all the other races under the sun. Begin with him and your trail extends back over continents of older glories, but no more brilliant possibilities. He culls his talents from the world entire, and if he is new in the exercise of them his newness has a flavor that is unmistakely appetizing for more.

The American artist is the type of the race. Study your Sargents and Whistlers, your Inness and Abbey, your Wyant and Martin and inevitably you hark back to the old and older masters across the water who are consciously or unconsciously the inspiration of these men. Take up architecture, civic improvement—any study of the beautiful—and the result is the same. First, know your own ideals, and you are inevitably carried back to the ideals thave gone before, that built other cities. The only way to realize your own measure is to compare it with that of another.

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We have had two traditions handed down to us. One is that America is without art. The second is that art is necessarily a restricted subject. Neither is true. The first assertion has practically disposed of itself. The second argues an ignorance of human nature. Every individual has some art side. The washerwoman may not appreciate a Meissonier, but the trees in the park or the window garden of a neighbor may find her sense of beauty. The peasants in France have their eye cultivated by the abundance of beauty around them. They absorb it from day to day. Our people have less opportunity as yet. But art is by no means a far-away subject. It is near and intimate. The experience of ten years has taught me that the only way to learn art is to learn it in the concrete. If such a thing were possible—if enormous financial backing ever made it possible—is should advocate a great traveling library, not of copies, but of originals. It is not only the form, it is the color we want. Descriptions may be never so graphic and pulsating with life, but the picture after all is the picture.

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There are comparatively few good pictures in America, except in private collections, which would, of course, make the idea of the trav-elling library of originals an undertaking of insurmountable diffi-culties at present. But it is something to work toward.

Spoiling of the Modern Girl

By MISS FRANCES NEWTON SYMMES

to be condemned for in-efficiency because the pupils who graduate from her classes do not possess the sterling qualities which are expected of them when the

The education of to-day is looking in the

wrong direction. Ev-

erything can not be ex-pected of the schools. It is hard for a teacher

nothers of these same young women are not exercising a proper sur-

The modern summer resort is one of the worst evils to which the ng women of to-day are subjected. Girls of 13 and 14 years old are young women of to-day are subjected. Carrs of 3 and 14 years on are allowed to receive attentions from boys of their own age and flirtations are conducted in shocking disregard of the proprieties. The young girls are taken out rowing, invited to dances and live the life of society belles when they should be romping about in the free enjoyment of untrammeled childhood.

joyment of untrammeted childhood.
When they return to the city and school is entered the same condition of frivolity prevails. No sooner has the school commenced than the society season is on and there at once begins a round of dances and balls. Instead of staying at home and studying their lessons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of persons young men are allowed to call and the young society but of young young men are young young men are young young men are young haps 13 years has her brain occupied with the flitting nothings which drive away all esimblance of serious work. No responsibility is felt on the part of the girl and she grows to consider life one endless round of

Thoroughness is a lost art for the average inmate of the fashion able young ladies' preparatory school, according to the experience of Miss Symmes. The patient memorizing of the days of our grand-fathers is an impossibility for the young girl of to-day, for she trusts to the books for that part of her lessons which can not be learned at a glance.

Nature requires a period of untrammeled freedom for the grow human being. Those restrictions and artificial conditions which pre-vail in modern society in the case of adults should not be allowed to affect the life of the child. Work is necessary and play is necessary; these should constitute the life of the girl of 14.

Birth Limitation Need of Times

By PROF. F. W. BLACKMAR. of Chair of Sociology in Kansas University

The most general as well as the most fundamental problem of charity and philantropy is to practice the law of love and to lend aid to the helpless and the weak in such fashion as not to

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But there are still deeper problems to consider, and there are the restriction of marriage and the limitation of births.

I do not see why we do not talk of this question plainly. Something must be done to stop the multiplication of the unfit by heredity, as well as by environment. How this is to be brought about is difficult to say.

We are steeped in tradition and convenience.

We are steeped in tradition and convention, we bave We are steeped in tradition and convention, we have so much hypocrisy in our civilization that it is difficult to apply scientific methods. But education, legislation and radical social selection, to supplement nature, may relieve the situation. This, with continuance of the social forms and individual characteristics, may help us to eliminate

the unfit.

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mands of science.

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