

A SYLLOGISM.

Sincerity is the latest of modern vices. Since Diogenes set out upon his quaint search, honest hypocrites have peopled the earth in great plenty, in inconceivable variety; have eaten, drunk, slept, laughed, sorrowed, bred, and died. It would be foolish to be sentimental as well as retrospective; let us be analytical, let us be cynical, let us be sane. And on this basis let us establish firmly and fearlessly our major premise: Sincerity does not mean honesty.

This dictum I do not omit from a vain love of paradox; and I emphasize it now not because I hate, but because I love paradox. Indeed, I love it too much to abuse it. But you shall see. And perhaps if you reflect a little, you will agree that 'tis no paradox at all. None the less I think it true. So much in self-justification. Now à nos moutons.

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The true Philosopher, standing on his pinnacle, views with a sad eye the decay of fashions. For myself, I confess I like the ladies' ringlets of 1830 even as I like the whiskers of the men. Both fashions are defunct, and I grieve for both; it is not that I want to see them today, but that I sympathize with all forms of exuberant life and mourn their decline. To be sure, I should feel no better could I despise what you, my neighbour, and you, my neighbour's wife, and you, my neighbour's manservant, and you, my neighbour's ass, despise. Nor do I desire you to share my views—is it not enough that you listen?—nor do I desire, incidentally, to despise you. I search for truth, and must on that account reserve to myself the privilege of being inconsequential, and, if necessary, rude. Friend, your grandfather wore a hat with pride which you would not wear for a wager; he wrote, and I suppose spoke, in a pompous style that would make you the laughing-stock of drawing-room and area-steps. And yet he was as good, as handsome, as clever a man perhaps as yourself; perhaps better, handsomer, cleverer: who knows? Most of all do I admire him (and

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all the Victorians) because he was cocksure. Whig or Tory, Liberal or Conservative, he had no scruples, no qualms. He believed in himself; he was perfectly upright, honest, outspoken—and most eminently and deliciously insincere. Eminently and deliciously because most unconsciously: nay, he never questioned his sincerity; he vaunted it. He had an atmosphere. All men who do not know themselves, who do not analyze themselves justly, have this atmosphere. Extreme artificiality is like extreme ingenuousness in giving one an air of the natural; you are so, and quite inconceivably otherwise. These fine well-fed bushy-whiskered men remind me of the portraits of Holbein in their directness of appeal to my appreciation. Their standpoints, it is true, are diametrically opposed; only, however, that they may between them represent the two main kinds of insincerity—the sincere by implication, that is, the consciously insincere, and the sincere by conviction, that is, the unconsciously insincere.

For ourselves, we live in a puny age of men who are poor things; men with beliefs and consciences so-called; spiritually anaemic, scrupulously contentious; with a jealous eye to directness and simplicity; grossly sincere. I cannot bring myself to speak of these things with patience. Let me, then, simply state in all its baldness my minor premise: Men are sincere.

I wish, dear reader, I could see your intelligent face at this moment, that I might know to what extent to turn on the tap of my indignation. Are you prepared for the full torrential volume, or do you require the merest sprinkling, or a modest even flow? I cannot trust myself. Put yourself in my predicament—imagine yourself a pessimistic philosopher, anxious to avoid people's susceptibilities yet just as anxious to proclaim the truth; detached, yet the child of your environment, longing for insincerity, yet dreading the vulgarity of pose.....

The pose is dying, the pose is dead: long live the pose!

It is over; from that brief ejaculation you may draw philosophy—and philanthropy. Let us pose; for in posing we are healthy, in posing we are natural.

Sincerity does not mean honesty; men are sincere; therefore men are not necessarily honest.

At least, if I am not as insincere as I should like to be, I am logical.—C. M. K.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE EMPEROR AT HIGHCLIFFE.

It is reported from Highcliffe that on Thursday afternoon His Majesty the Kaiser went for an automobile ride. The weather has improved. The orchestra of the Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" gave a national concert in the Winter Gardens at Bournemouth on Thursday evening. The hall was crowded and the orchestra was enthusiastically applauded.

His Majesty yesterday morning gave audience to Graf v. Hülsen-Häseler, the head of the military Cabinet; to Herr v. Eisenhardt-Rothe, acting Chief of the civil Cabinet; and to the German Ambassador Graf Wolff-Metternich. The Imperial Master of the Horse, Freiherr v. Reischach, was expected to arrive at the Castle last evening.

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THE MOROCCAN SITUATION.

The Premier, M. Clémenceau, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon, and the Minister for War, M. Picquart, had a conference on Friday morning in connection with the events occurring on the Moroccan-Algerian boundary. M. Picquart said that he had telegraphed that morning to the Commander of the 19th Army Corps giving him a free hand, without having to report to Paris about the necessary movements of the troops, and he had decided that a further strong reserve should be formed in Oran which would be capable of meeting any emergency. This measure was agreed to by M. Clémenceau and M. Pichon.

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The official news of Madrid published a proclamation to the effect that all Moroccan ports, with the exception of Tangier, Casablanca, Ceuta, Melilla, Allucemar and Velez de la Gomera, are infected with the plague.

ANOTHER FRONTIER VIOLATION.

It is reported from Lalla Marnia that Moroccan bands belonging to the tribes of Ulad Mansur and Homnas have crossed the Algerian boundary near Adscheru on the Kiss river and plundered the neighbourhood.

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DISTURBANCE AT AUTOMOBILE EXHIBITION.

A lively scene occurred one day last week at the Automobile Salon in Paris, where a *jour d'élite* had been arranged for the benefit of the sufferers from the inundations in the South. In view of that occasion the free tickets of the exhibitors were suspended for the day. The exhibitors protested and held a noisy meeting in the entrance hall, to the still noisier accompaniment of sirens and hooters in hundreds. Meanwhile, the workmen began to cover up the stands. At length it was notified that the suspension had been withdrawn.

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THE AIR-SHIP "PATRIE".

A telegram from Nancy states that, during a voyage on Friday, something went wrong with the "Patrie's" machinery, and the ship was brought to the ground after having been driven 10 miles by the wind. A detachment of Engineers was sent to her assistance.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

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MAIL ROBBERY IN POLAND.

A report from Warsaw says that in Ostrowiec, near Radom, a band of Terrorists threw four bombs at a post-wagon, injuring two postal officials and killing the horses. The robbers escaped with 11,000 roubles.

INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED.

It is reported from Calcutta that the strike of the Railway employes is at an end.

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FURTHER EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

The seismograph at the principal Hamburg meteorological station recorded an earthquake shock, the source of which is probably in an eastern direction about 2,187 1/2 miles away; probably in Persia. The period of registration was about an hour.

THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

A special correspondent in Lisbon reports that the even tenor of life in that city has not once been disturbed. Everything is following its usual course. It is possible, however, that the revolutionaries are contemplating disturbances.

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EFFECTS OF THE NASI TRIAL IN ITALY.

The attempts to force a general strike in Trapani on account of the Nasi affair, have been abandoned. The town is as quiet as usual and the students who had ceased their studies have followed the advice of the authorities to continue attendance at the lectures, in spite of efforts made by the agitators who tried to stop them.

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