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A Rapid Fire Critique of Shakespeare.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the English author and playwright, has recently published the "Shakespearean Review," a rapid fire critique of the great William. Among other things, Mr. Shaw declared that he himself has written a better play than "As You Like It" and never anything so bad as that. Shakespeare, according to Shaw, found that the only thing that could be done in the theater was to amuse the audience, and he did just that. He did not care to make a play as a sample of the public taste and thrust it into the faces of the theatergoers with the phrase "As You Like It."

Shakespeare tried to make the public accept real studies of life and character, as, for instance, "Measure for Measure" and "All's Well That Ends Well," but the public wouldn't have them. Instead of the faultless "As You Like It" he wrote "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor," which were not only popular but successful. Shaw's work, as he appears to Mr. Shaw, was summed up as follows: Shakespeare's weakness lies in his inability to write a play that is both a masterpiece of art and a masterpiece of life. He was a very good dramatist, but he was not a very good philosopher. He was a very good writer, but he was not a very good thinker. He was a very good poet, but he was not a very good man.

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The Race of Yankies.

A recent lecture before a Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution took for its subject the "Yankee" who has been the dominant force in the growth of the United States. The speaker, Miss J. M. G. G. G., said that the "Yankee" is a race of men who have made the United States what it is today. They are a race of men who have made the United States what it is today. They are a race of men who have made the United States what it is today. They are a race of men who have made the United States what it is today.

The term "Yankee" has been very much abused in the past. When the eastern merchant crossed to the west of the Hudson with his pack of wares he was called a Yankee. He was a type of the people whom he represented. But not all Yankees were peddlars. Jim Fiske was a Yankee, and so was Jay Gould. In the sense of that word in their early days. Then everything down east was "Yankee." With the civil war the term was broadened and was applied to the men of the whole north as a synonym for "northern" and "rebels." Now the whole country is included, but the name has retained its American origin.

Felix Adler on Moral Decay.

Professor Felix Adler exhorts people to do right solely because it is right to do that way. He recently delivered in a Sunday address that Americans deceive themselves into the belief that they are very good alive because of their intense hunting after the good things of life. He insisted that there is nothing but death in those things that characterize human life. Men who betray sacred trusts for gain are dead men in their moral nature.

The cure for this moral decay and the insane individualism which is at the heart of it, Professor Adler says, is the spirit of the spirit kind and patriot in the broadest sense.

The march of improvement threatens the destruction of the "Old Swinburn Hotel," which inspired one of James Whitcomb Riley's most famous early poems. Now is the time for some of Riley's admirers to step in and offer their assistance in erecting there a group statue as a monument to the poem and its author. True, it would be a little previous, but what's the harm of telling a good fellow what's thought of him while he is alive to enjoy it?

Mr. Carnegie's hero fund does not stir up a rash of applicants. Perhaps

The annuity scheme for incapacitated college professors will meet with a similar condition of things. A man hates to join the "black number" army.

A Jap can see no virtue in the western method of wrestling and the westerners have learned how to beat the Jap Jiu Jitsu. Evidently in both methods it all depends upon the man he had the trick.

Popular Taste in Literature.

It is encouraging to discover that, while the run of people read more fiction nowadays than ever before, they read more fact than ever before. After a careful investigation Mr. Horner Copeland writes in the Boston Transcript as follows:

This increase is both the publication and circulation of books of travel, biography, letters and reminiscences has been in the last few years astonishing. Never before in the history of the world have people been so anxious to learn about other people and other lands and the result has been an enormous multiplication of books dealing with such subjects. It is not only the general public that has been attracted to such books, but the literary world itself. The fact that the public is so interested in such books is a very good sign of the progress of the human race.

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The Russians were not the equals of the Japanese either officers or soldiers. I saw them fight and had every opportunity to compare them. When the Japanese captured many thousands of the Russians near Mukden I was included in the capture and was taken down through Manchuria to Dairen and thence by steamer to Japan. It was well treated, but I had to notice that the Japanese are not so courteous as they might be when you are completely in their power. I have no particular admiration for them as prospective citizens of the United States.

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