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Although Swift probably meant what he said when he penned the couplet—

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His brother write as well as he?

and, unfortunately the jealousy of genius is proverbial, the Dean, himself as vain as any man, was throughout his life generous in his public admiration of his great contemporary Pope. Yet both men were not only vain of their writings, but were absurdly proud of the most trivial accomplishments which occupied their leisure hours. Pope spent more time and laborious thought designing the gardens and grottos of his Twickenham cottage than on the production of his "Essay on Man" or the translation of Homer. Friends who came to discuss the matchless wit of the polished verse would be bidden to admire Pope the horticulturist and remain dumb on the merits of the poet and satirist.

THE PRIDE OF SIR WALTER.

Scott in his Abbotsford home is a case still more to the point. The Waverley novels with their two million words, hundreds of full-drawn characters, and abounding wealth of detail in scenery and comment, form a monument which even a god might be proud to have created. But Sir Walter would not even own to their authorship, until it leaked out and all knew that the country squire, who seemed occupied the livelong day in managing his estate, playing with his hounds, and riding to the hunt, was the writer about whom all the world was speculating. Then worshippers of literary genius having made their pilgrimage to the shrine in the joyous hope of a peep into the penetralia of imaginative creation, would be proudly shown by the author of incomparable Jennie Deans the stucco and plaster and sham Gothicisms of Abbotsford House, the pride of Sir Walter's heart.

DICKENS, TOO.

Forster tells us that it was the dearest delight of Dickens to express his personality not on the printed page, but in the strut and fret of an hour in amateur theatricals. As one visualizes the imposing figure and mighty intellect of the great novelist contorted in the effort to delineate this character or that for the diversion of a handful of lookers-on, one is reminded that a genius after all is but a man, with a good deal of the child still surviving. Vanitas vanitatum, wrote Thackeray, sighing over the sins of humanity; yet himself was absurdly vain of his sketches. He was deeply hurt at Dickens's rejection of his offer to illustrate one of the latter's books, failing to realize that his power emphatically lay in the pen and not the pencil. But the classic example of the vanity of authors is undoubtedly Lord Byron. Whatever our opinion may be now of his poetry, it is indisputable that at the time of its production it had an immense vogue, and there was considerable justification for the poet's self-congratulation. All who knew the man, however, record that pride and rank and conceit of his personal appearance easily surpassed his satisfaction in his poetical powers, and that he even boasted more of having swum the Helispont than of all the cantos of "Don Juan."

Decide not rashly. The decision made. Can never be recalled. The gods implore not, Plead not, solicit not; they only offer Choice and occasion, which once being passed Return no more. Dost thou accept the gift?

—Longfellow.

We often ascribe to fate what was merely amounted to following the line of least resistance.

**"Man wants but little here below—"**BUT THAT LITTLE HE WANTS GOOD
—AND "H.B."FICKLE AND INCONSISTENT AS MAN
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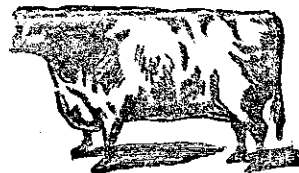
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