

The following is the concluding portion of Louis Napoleon's Preface to his Life of Cæsar:

"But by what sign are we to recognize the greatness of a man? In the sway of his ideas, when his principles and his system triumph, despite his death or his defeat. Is it not, in fact, the prerogative of genius to outlive destruction, and to extend its empire over future generations? Cæsar disappeared, and his influence predominated still more than during his lifetime. Cicero, his adversary, is obliged to exclaim, 'All the acts of Cæsar, his writings, his words, his promises, his thoughts, are more powerful after his death than if he were still alive.' During centuries it has sufficed to tell the word that such was the will of Cæsar for the world to obey. That which precedes sufficiently indicates the object I have proposed to myself in writing this history. That object is to prove that when Providence raises up such men as Cæsar, Charlemagne, and Napoleon, it is to trace out to nations the path they ought to follow, to stamp a new era with the seal of their genius, and to accomplish in a few years the work of many centuries. Happy the nations who comprehend and follow them! Woe to those who misunderstand and resist them! They act like the Jews—they crucify their Messiah. They are blind and guilty—blind, for they see not the impotence of their efforts to suspend the final triumph of good; guilty, for they only retard its progress by impeding its prompt and fertile application. In fact, neither the assassination of Cæsar nor the imprisonment of St. Helena could destroy beyond revival two popular causes overthrown by a league disguising itself with the mask of liberty. Brutus, by killing Cæsar, plunged Rome into the horrors of civil war; he did not prevent the reign of Augustus, but he rendered possible those of Nero and Caligula. Nor has the ostracism of Napoleon by conspiring Europe prevented the resuscitation of the Empire; and yet how distant are we from that solution of great questions, from the appeased passions, from the legitimate satisfaction given to nations by the first Empire! Thus, ever since 1815 has verified itself that prophecy of the captive of St. Helena: 'What struggles, what bloodshed, what years will yet be required that the good I wished to do to mankind may be realized?' NAPOLEON.
Palace of the Tuileries, March 20, 1862."

The high prices demanded for the ordinary exhilarating beverages to which the mass of the people have been accustomed in past years have led to the introduction of a new class of stimulants, of a far more dangerous character. Tea is still retained, although neither in quantity nor quality is the consumption equal to the average of former seasons. Coffee, in its purity, is hardly known even in a majority of private families; and except in first class hotels or saloons, the decoctions furnished to the public under this name are notoriously either adulterated or wholly spurious. The vegetable kingdom has been ransacked for substances which can be made to take on the appearance of ground coffee, and no sooner is an article discovered that can be successfully used for this purpose, than it, too, is imitated, so that we have adulterations of the adulterant, and counterfeit mixtures to resemble the first imitations. Chicory is not unwholesome, when pure, and may be added to the coffee berry as an economic measure, without injury to the digestion. But almost every species of root is now used to imitate chicory; and these preparations, made pungent with aromatics, sweetened with licorice, are sold by wholesale to the adulterators, until even an expert chemist could hardly tell by analysis of what the final compound is composed.

Several of the Paris journals speak against the extreme decollete style of dress which the ladies have adopted at the balls this season in the French capital.—"What remains at the present day of woman's dress," says M. E. Texier in the Siecle, "is so small that it is hardly worth talking about."

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