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MILE SINGISTS.

We are a lover of Music. A musical Amateur in the strict sense of the term. We claim a moderate musical ability, and have even essayed to teach it in our hours of leisure. We play the Guitar indifferently well and love it as a recreation. We are no 'singist,' but occasionally endeavor to amuse ourself that way.

Now we despise male 'Singists' especially that class of singists who make it the business of their lives to teach it; we regard them as Natures meanest practical jokes on man, in changing the sex at the last moment. 'Singists' are usually a curly haired, pumpkin headed, thick skulled, soft brained set of bipeds, who rejoice much in the possession of thick necks, large mouth, good teeth, a voice like unto Pompeii's Lion, and a suavity of manner; very taking with the young and silly of the fair sex. They have usually nothing to recommend them but their wind, fine clothes, and brass; if we except their church letters, one or more of which they have always in possession stored away in the archives of their breeches pockets for instant use in case of need. Letters of recommendation (and they usually have a satchel cram'd full,) are no longer security for ability as a letter of recommendation to singists is always a cheap way to get rid of them. Another sad fact with regard to singists, they are usually the most powerful of their sex. Be that what it may; and would do good service at ANY of the industrial pursuits; lazy men take it up to get rid of what their maker originally fitted them for. But intimate contact with the "Dora me fo sols," soon subverts them; takes the vim of man-hood out of them; and reduces them to the shadow of self-hood. They become so wrapt up in FLATS of actual life and the SHARPS of money getting, that their intellect perhaps vigorous to begin with, soon becomes weakened and they dwindle into a milk-sap, slip-shod, rose-water sentimentalism disgusting in itself if not so ludicrous in strong hearty men. They fly to feeble silly versification to relieve themselves, in which Rhyme

without sense, is the substance; they essay prose, in which a love-sick school girl would be ashamed to indulge so TRASHILY sentimental in its composition; they serve up to the readers of country papers on every possible occasion a mess of sympathetic nonsense whose emetic properties would vomit the Office of a sensible journal.

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