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FRIENDSHIP.

To what is this owing? Not so much, I suspect, to the fact that acquaintance reveals always something to admire, even in those we had not previously regarded with special deference—although this, I am willing to admit, may be the case—but rather to the simple law of mental activity which we call association. The friend whom we have long and intimately known, the friend of other, and earlier, and, it may be, happier years is intimately connected with our own history. His life and our own have run side by side, or rather, like vines springing from separate roots, have intertwined their branches until they present themselves as one to the eye. It is this close connection of my friend with whatever pertains to myself, of his history with my history and his life with my life, that contributes in great measure to the regard and interest I feel for him. He has become, as it were, a part of myself. The thought of him awakens in my mind pleasing remembrances, and is associated with agreeable conceptions of the walks, the studies, the sports, the varied enjoyments and the varied sorrows that we have shared together.

The same principle extends

also to inanimate objects, as places and scenes with which we have become familiar, the meadows through which we roamed in childhood, the books we read, the rooms we inhabited, even the instruments of our daily toil. These all become associated with ourselves we form a sort of friendship for them. The prisoner who has spent long years of confinement in his solitary cell, forms a species of attachment for the very walls that have shut him in, and looks upon them for the last time, when at length the hour of deliverance arrives, not without a measure of regret. The sword that has been often used in battle is thenceforth, to the old soldier, the invisible representative of many a hard fought field, and many a perilous adventure. Uncouth and rusty it may be, illformed and unadorned, in its plain and clumsy scabbard, but its owner would not exchange it for one of solid gold. It is not strange that the principle of association which attach us so closely even to inanimate objects, should enter largely as an element into the friendship we form with our own species.

PHILOSOPHIC REFLECTIONS.

EDITOR STAR:
 With this number of your spicy little sheet, closes my contract with you for a series of articles under the heading of **PHILOSOPHIC REFLECTIONS.** Taking up the subject as a sort of mental recreation, I have tried, in the small space allowed me in your columns, to condense my ideas and at the same time make them sufficiently elaborate to be compre-

hensive. I have tried to reduce my ideas to plain common-sense in the treatment of each subject, and make it as interesting as the subject treated of, would admit. I may have failed—in fact I know I have in some instances, in hearing my friends comment upon them without a knowledge of the author. Others again of equal good sense, who have given their attention to Philosophic reasoning pay me a high compliment, so that what I lose in one quarter, is more than made up to me in an other.

If it is your wish to have me continue to write upon such subjects, under the same heading, and for the same compensation, please notify me twenty four hours prior to your next issue.

Yours &c
PLATO.

PLATO:
 Dear Sir:—We would be indeed sorry, to lose the kind and valuable aid your pen has given us in the editing of our little paper. We can give you the assurance that your articles have given very general satisfaction to the many, and special satisfaction to a few—and more—we attribute much of our success as a paper to your contributions, we therefore cheerfully comply with your conditions of compensation and ask for a continuance of your more than valuable articles.

Yours truly,
ED. STAR.

John A'Hern has opened an oyster saloon in the building formerly occupied as a "sample room."—We thank a kind friend for a nice lot of apples, and would like to thank another.