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By Plato. Paper No. XV.

### EXCELLENCE.

Among those susceptibilities which, while implanted in our nature, and springing into exercise by their own spontaneous energy, imply in their operation the exercise of the reflective powers, and in general, of the higher intellectual faculties, and which on that account, we designate as rational, in distinction of instinctive emotions, a prominent place is due to those vivid feelings of pleasure, and pain, with which we contemplate any real or supposed excellence, or defect, in ourselves. The direct object of the emotion now under consideration, is self in some form or aspect. The immediate cause of these emotions is some real or fancied excellence which we possess, or, on the other hand, some real or imagined deficiency. This excellence or deficiency may pertain to our intellectual or to our moral qualities and attainments; or even to our circumstances or condition in life, to anything

in short, which is ours, and which distinguishes us from our fellows. The quality contemplated may be a real possession and attainment, or it may exist only in our imagination and conceit. And so, also, of the defect, that, too, may be real, or imaginary. In either case, vivid feelings are awakened in the mind. It is impossible to contemplate ourselves as possessing or as lacking any desirable quality without emotion, pleasing or painful, and that, in a high degree.

These emotions are awakened in either of two ways: by the simple contemplation of the supposed excellence, or defect, in themselves considered, as pertaining to us; or, more frequently, by the comparison of ourselves with others in these respects. It is to the feelings awakened, in the latter case, by the perceived superiority or inferiority of ourselves to others, as the result of such comparison that the terms pride and humility are ordinarily applied. These terms are relative, and imply, always, some process of comparison. They may be, however, the painful consciousness of defect, or the pleasing consciousness of some high and noble attainment, when the relation which we sustain to others, as regards these points, forms no part of the object of contemplation. The comparison is not of ourselves with others, but only of our present with our former selves. We are satisfied and delighted at our own progress and improvement, or humbled and cast down at our repeated failure, and manifest deficiency.

Job work done at this office.

### NATURAL BEAUTY!

On Thursday night last we were visited by a rain-storm which lasted through the night, freezing as it fell. On the bright morning of the NEW YEAR, the walks and ~~leaves~~ presented a beautiful appearance, gleaming in the brief sunshine like extended sheets of burnished silver. At an early hour every man and boy who could beg, borrow or steal a pair of skates, were skimming over the glairy surface like revolving puppets in a hand organ; their eyes flashing back the intensity of their enjoyment, on the smiling spectators who occasionally as they glided rapidly by, gave them a God-speed and a 'happy New Year.' But the tress presented a spectacle which for picturesque loveliness can never be forgotten. Decked out in nature's jewels, they surpassed in beauty, the wildest conception of the beautiful, in an Artist's dream. The Ice King had lent his glittering jewels to the natural handmaids of nature, to grace the advent of the fair bride, 1869.

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