

UNITY.

In the vast vocabulary of the English language there is probably no word, that comes nearer shaping itself to all circumstances and conditions as the word unity. If we could reasonably credit it with one face, we could undoubtedly charge it with forty.

Me thinks I can see it mounting higher and higher in the estimation of man, as the great number of English words are being multiplied beneath it. It has been said: "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." And how sublime and thrilling it is for us to reflect upon the phrase, "in union there is strength," but every channel has its obstructions. We as a nation, theoretically dwell in unity for should our flag be insulted today no mortal power could withstand the living tide of humanity that would madly hurl itself upon the offender, personal enemies would clasp hands and the bloody wind rows of Americans upon Americans would testify to our unity. Yet if it were possible to combine or compress the minds of our people in a single mould there would be immense stratas of darkest difference, if it be so among our people, how much more so must it be among different nationalities, upon this, the question some times arises, should the U. S. continue to be the dumping ground of all nations.

The almost certain reward following from unity is sought after by all classes, for, united we stand separated we fall has been repeatedly illustrated since before the time of the Gauls. The Christian knows that the standing of his church depends upon the unity of faith held by its members. The leader of a band of outlaws knows that his power is increased or diminished according to the unity of the opinions of his men; so seemingly it has reference to good and bad, yet meaning the same. Unity follows the general principle if made to cover a large space, it is diluted, if small, it is concentrated. Yet it is a thing united itself, but separated from