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"Lay aside cant"

There are many who view with alarm the progressive ~~increasing~~ disappearance of these ancient landmarks by which their conduct ~~x the~~ has been traditionally regulated. They ~~feel~~ know that human nature is prone to evil, and ~~that~~ believe that without the deterrent fear of ~~the~~ hell, ~~of the Theologians~~ without reverence for things sacred and without the hope of ~~their~~ a theological heaven, mankind must sink ~~before it a lower level of notice, and~~ into ~~more~~ brutality ~~form of society.~~

It is worth while to collect and ~~examine~~ discuss with care & without prejudice, ~~the~~ such social historical facts ~~that~~ as ~~bear upon~~ may throw light upon the truth of this inference.

The inquiry must be <u>statistical in its character</u>, referring to the acts of a population as a whole, and not regarding the units of which it is composed, for it is only in this way that we can neutralise & eliminate the effects of individual characters & circumstances which are far too numerous to be severally allowed for

Fact of Social stability is found under the most varied surroundings. Travellers in all parts of the world find instances of this

(quote largely)

~~The relative efficacy of various motives~~

~~The efficacy of~~

Evaluation of motives

Commensurability (The most vaunted motives are not the most powerful)

Motives are of the most varied kind, but for all that they are commensurable

Compensations are awarded for wrongs, libels, breach of promise, ~~& so forth~~ invasion of private grounds by railways, & the like. It is time that the law professes to regard only the absolute ~~loss~~ money loss occasioned by the act but there is a flimsy pretext to which the jury who decide on the amount of damage pay little heed. Blood money, fines, ~~international compensations~~ have not been that pretext & practically ~~"the jury"~~ to a great extent, "the jingling of the guinea ~~soothes~~ the hurt that honor feels" It is a phrase more often used than true that such & such a loss ~~is~~ cannot be allowed to. Every person may at some time of his life, been utterly ~~miserable~~ forlorn and homeless, but new interests arise, & in time his thoughts are distracted & he recovers his old cheerfulness. On seeing a merry party of middle aged persons, it sometimes strikes one as strange that notwithstanding their glee, they are all of them orphans.

Gradation

a Individual – religious – falling in love – monomania
infatuation

b popular – Panic – hilliburlere – witchcraft –

Illusions equipotent with truths

Causes of Stability

Public morality always in advance of average individual
sense of duty – freewills – honor – self respect.

Another ~~common~~ unit of measure common to different motives, lies in their several efficacy ~~of different motives~~ in producing a particular result. There are an indefinite variety of bribes and experience shows the amount of bribe of each several sort that is necessary to produce a given average result. The owner of a booth at a fair to which the number of customers by any one of a great variety of shows or other entertainments. The attraction force of each of these under the circumstances of the time would be the same. Say merely taking averages over a longer period, the circumstances of the time of each occurrence ~~become~~ need no longer be considered; and the attraction force of each is comparable ~~always~~ in a statistical sense, without any other reservation — Equation of motives.

Origin of motives

a constitutional, derived from nature, as love jealousy fear anger appetites · gallantry, satiety fidelity, duty

b acquired by

(1) parental teaching - fear of man taught to young wild animals - fish. likes & dislikes - prejudices for & against, reverence disrespect, family faith & traditions

(2) social example - school national feeling. among honor, fashion, class feeling, clannishness

(3) suggestion, persuasion - appeals to emotion

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Draft for circular
(never issued)
on Social position of present
Householders & that of their
fathers

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	e householder.	Comparison between the two.			
in ??	What position did he occupy among men of the same profession, trade, or employment?	Compare the position held by the Son among the people of the present day, with the position held by the father among the people of his own generation, when he was of the same age that his Son is now, and say whether, when looked at in that light, it is the father or the son who has occupied the higher social position.			
		as regards property.	Is the difference small, great or very great?	as regards influence or reputation	Is the difference small, great or very great
	E	F	G	H	I
	margin — all the entries.	the			
		Print all these 3 lines in full.			
	quite small scale but esteemed.	Son	very great	Son	great
	usual wages	equal	—	Equal	—
	large fortune M.P. large family	father	very great	father	not great

Distinguishing number of each household	Householder: What is his profession, trade, or employment?	What position does he occupy among men of the same profession trade or employment?	What is his age (as roughly estimated by eye)?	Father of the: What was his profession, trade, or employment
	A	B	C	D
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2		Lose no space in n		
3		space is required to		
4				
5				
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7				
8		leave more space between the letters for the word		to allow examples
9				
10				
95	Examples:- Tradesman	very large scale	45	Shopkeeper
96	Mechanic	usual wages	50	mechanic
97	Professional	considerable repute	40	Country gentle

Begin above with the top of the column. Leave no space in margin, - print boldly.

A comparison is sought, between the average social position of householders of all classes, in the present day, and that of their fathers. The favor is requested, of your filling up as many lines of the Schedule overleaf, as your local knowledge permits. You will observe that no names are asked for there. Please do not pick and choose cases, to fit in with any preconceived theory, but think of the residents in your neighbourhood, in the order of their houses, and write down all cases of which you have, or can collect, <u>certain</u> information.

If, as is hoped, you can furnish more cases than the printed schedule will hold, please write them on a separate paper, numbering them continuously and heading the columns with A, B, C, D, E, ~~and~~ F, G, H, and I.

Any desirable explanation, for which there is no room ~~cannot be~~ in ~~not on~~ the Schedule, should be ~~by~~ written on a ~~separate~~ another paper, prefixing to each explanation the number of the case referred to, and the letter which heads the appropriate column ~~to each explanation~~; thus:- 9.E.

When you have completed the entries, sign the paper and return it to Francis Galton 42 Rutland Gate London S.W.

Here sign your <u>name</u> and address in full

Name;-

Address;-

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prefixing the number of the case referred to and the letter of the appro.

Father of the present Householder

His social position	which is the better position in the social scale, that of the son now, or that of the father, when about the same age & among his own contemporaries – ?	a little better, much better, or very much better? (Give explanation, if desirable, in a foot note)
D	E	F
	which position in the social scale do you consider to have been the higher, that of the son, now among his own generation, or that of the father, formerly, among the fathers and contemporaries, and when the father was of about the same age that his son is now.	looking at his social position – as a whole
	higher in ~~relative~~ wealth	higher in ~~sort of consideration~~ ~~relative~~ social rank
		higher on the whole	a little much or very much higher
a small Shopkeeper	Son	much better
Mechanic	equal	equal
Country Gentleman M.P.	father	~~[illegible]~~ better

A comparison is sought, between the average social position of householders of all classes, in the present day and that of their ~~[illegible]~~ fathers. The favor is requested, of your filling up as many lines of the ~~form~~ schedule overleaf, as your local knowledge permits. You will observe that no ~~other~~ names are asked for there. Please do not pick and choose cases to fit in with any preconceived theory, but think of the residents in your neighbourhood, in the order of their houses, and write down all cases of which you have, or can collect, certain information.

If, as it is hoped, you will be able to furnish more cases than the printed schedule ~~can~~ hold, please write them on separate paper, numbering the cases continuously and heading the columns of entry with A, B, C, D, E, & F. ~~(you have [illegible] under the [illegible] to [illegible])~~

Sign & return the paper when ~~done with it~~ to

Francis Galton, 42 Rutland Gate, London, S.W.

Here ~~insert~~ sign your name and address in full.

Name —

address —

Any desirable explanations may be written on a separate page — private the column, to each explanation — Thus; 104 . C.

Present Householder

	His Social position	His age (roughly estimated)
A	B	C
1		
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9		
10		
Examples		
101	Tradesman on a large scale	50
102	Mechanic at usual wages	45
103	Professional, rising in his career.	45