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Edgar Barnes Writes of Publicity Said to Drive Wealthy Americans Abroad.

MUCH OF IT IS WELCOMED

Real Privacy Can Be Found Here by Those Who Seek It, Says Philadelphian—Reproach for Anglomaniacs.

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LONDON, July 24.—J. Pierpont Morgan's arrival in New York, the efforts of reporters to interview him, and the descriptive stories written around and about the financier's landing are cited over here as a vivid illustration of that "unavoidable publicity" which is one of the chief reasons why many wealthy Americans show an increasing tendency to live in England.

Nothing very illuminating has been added to the subject since it was broached last week, although a number of correspondents have written to The Daily Mail about it. The most interesting contribution is that of Edgar Barnes of Philadelphia, who writes:

"While it must be admitted that some newspapers, mostly found in New York, are unscrupulous in their methods of obtaining news, intrusive upon the rights of individuals, and feeding continually upon scandals and neighborhood news, happily these papers are few in number. Their character is too well understood by the people and their measure was taken long since; but what of the thousands of papers which all the towns of America support daily or weekly, whose means of gathering news are above reproach, whose policies are conservative, whose pages are clean, and whose force in communities throughout the land is one of the greatest influences in the education and uplift of the masses? Surely it is not to be taken that all of our journals twist and distort the truth, as 'An American Millionaire' would conclude.

"It will be found, I think, that it is the desire to be let alone, rather than any violation of the common-law right of privacy, that is causing a certain class to escape from our shores. The average American man of wealth who desires to be let alone will not be found residing in a palatial and noisy hotel. The beautiful country and suburbs, with their countless number of refined hotels, private residences, country clubs on the outskirts of nearly all our large cities, will afford him abundant privacy without effort.

"If he be so inclined, he can find anywhere quiet and culture the equal of any in this country; but how often do those who complain most bitterly of being in the newspapers eagerly scan the sheets each day to see what space is given them? And how injurious to our international good feeling is that small element among us—dubbed long since Anglomaniacs—which, in poor imitation of English manners and customs and with praise for everything English and disparagement of everything American, is a reproach to our splendid citizenship!"