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...unrecognized on earth, would bring them together
the bar of final judgment, and make that their
age-altar, for a joint futurity of endless retribution
and over a PARKETT NO. 20 1989 KUNSTZEITSCHRIFT / ART MAGAZINE SFR. 25.- / DM 30,-
...upon Hester's contemplation and laughed at
e and desperate joy with which she seized, a
to cast it from her. ...the ide
...and hastened to bar it ... What
herself to believe,— ... crea
motive for continuing ... de
half a truth, and half a ... Here, s
f, had been the scene ... and here
ene of her earthly pur ... and so, per
e of her daily shame ... length pur
work out another purit ... that which
saint-like, because the ... martyr
ter Prynne, therefore ... see. On the outskirts of
wn, within the verge ... peninsula, but not in close
y to any other habi ... there was a small thatched
e. It had been bui ... by an earlier settler, and aban-
because the soil about it was too sterile for cultiva-
while its comparative remoteness put it out of the
of that social activity which already marked the
of the emigrants. It stood on the shore, looking
a basin of the sea at the forest-covered ...
st. A clump of scrubby trees, such a ...
insula, did not so much conceal ...
as seem to denote that here was some ...
fain have been, or at least ought to be, ... In
tle, lonesome dwelling, with some slender ... that

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...he herself had been, during that m
Pearl was imbibing her soul from the
er bodily frame from its mater ...
's impassioned state had been the ...
were transmitted to the unborn ...
life; and, however white and ...
ken the deep stains of crim ... gold, the fiery
the black shadow, and the ... light, of the
ning substance. Above all ...
at that epoch, was perpe
ze her wild, desperate,
temper, and even some
and despondency th ...
were now illumina ... morning radiance of a
child's d ... in the day of earthly
ce, might ... storm and whirlwind.
discipli ... those days, was of a far
igid kind ... the harsh rebuke, the
at applica ... enjoined by Scriptural
ty, were use ... in the way of punishment
ual offence ... wholesome regimen for the
and pr ... childish virtues. Hester
, neverth ... of this one child,
le risk ... due severity. Mind-
however, of her own errors and misfortunes, she early

...little garden, or coming forth along the pathway that led
toward; and, discerning the scarlet letter on her breast,
would scamper off, with a strange, contagious fear
... on ... who dared to show himself, she, however, incurred
... of want. She possessed an art that sufficed, even in a
... afforded comparatively little scope for ... exercise,
... good for ... infant and her ... It was
... as ... most
... of ... work. ... on ...
... embe ... better, ... of ... delicate
... ive s ... ch the ... of a ... might
... have ... s, ... rich ... more
spiritual adornment of human ingenuity to these fabrics of
silk and gold. Here, indeed, in the sable simplicity that
generally characterized the Puritanic modes of dress, there
might be an infrequent call for the finer productions of her
handiwork. Yet the taste of the age, demanding whatever
was elaborate in compositions of this kind, did not fail to
extend its influence over our stern progenitors, who had
cast behind them so many fashions which it might seem
harder to dispense with. Public ceremonies, su ...
tions, the installations of magistrates, and
give majesty to the forms in which a ...
manifested itself to the people, were ...
marked by a stately and well-condu ...
sombre, but yet a studied magnifi ...
fully wrought bands, and gorgeo ...
were all deemed necessary to ...
assuming the reins of power; and ...

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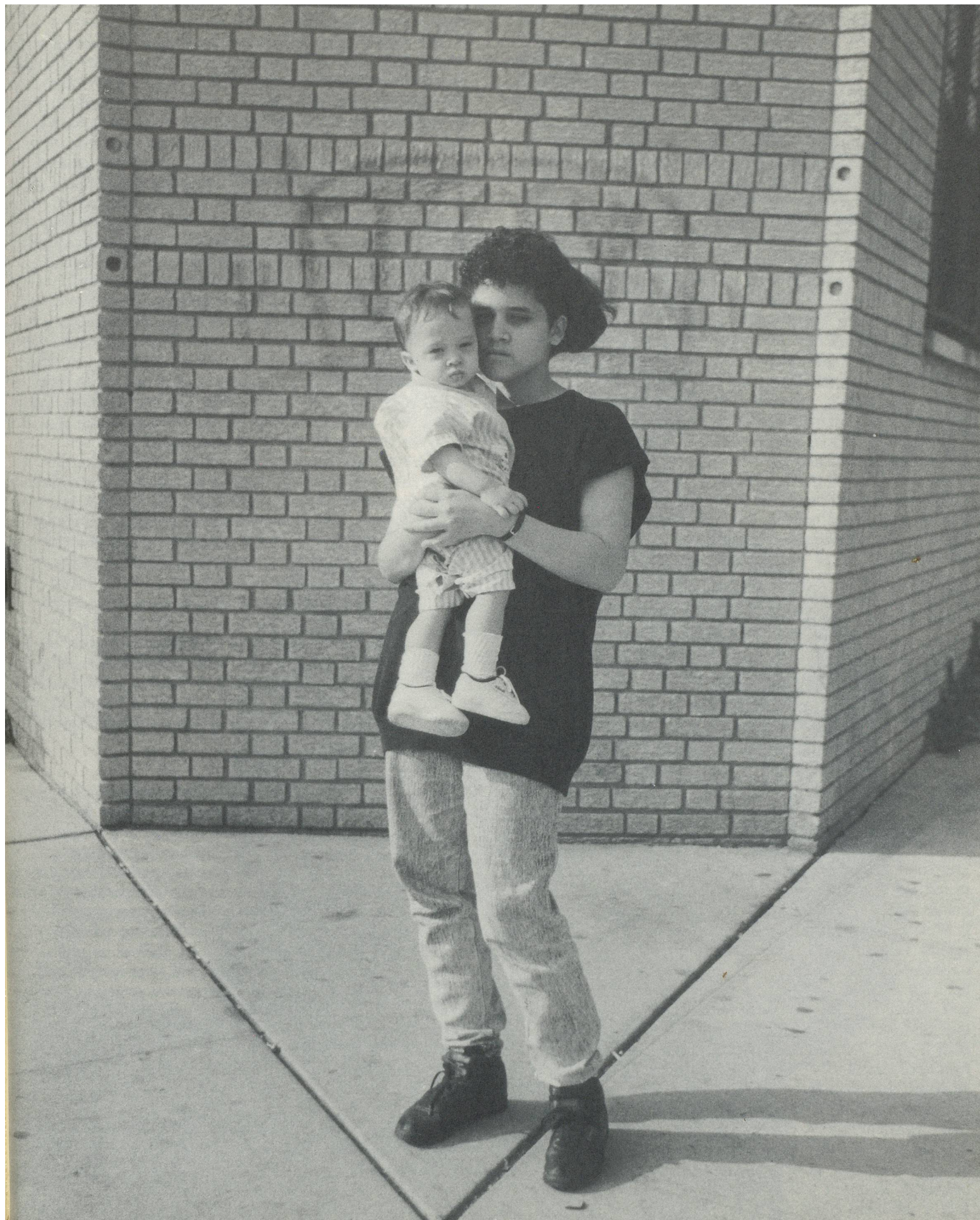
...to insist, persuade, or plead. In ...
inexplicable, so perverse, ...
generally accompanied by ...
Hester could not help ...
whether Pearl was a hum ...
airy sprite, which, after p ...
little while upon the cottage ...
locking smile. Whenever that ...
light, deeply black eyes, it invested her with a s ...
ness and intangibility; it was as if she were ho ...
... and might vanish, like a glimmering lig ...
... we know not whence, and goes we know not whither.
... it, Hester was constrained to rush towards the
... pursue the little elf in the flight which she invari-
... to ... her to her bosom, with a close pres-
... es,—not so much from overflowing
love ... that Pearl was flesh and blood, and
not ... But Pearl's laugh, when she was
caught ... of merriment and music, made her
moth ... ful than before.
H ... this bewildering and baffling spell, th
s ... in herself and her sole treasure, wh
... and who was all her world, Hes
... es be ... passionate tears. Then, perhaps,—
there was no foreseeing how it might affect her,—Pe

...still another pos
By degrees, n
would now be
...tion for a
the morbid cur
common or w
tangible circum
on some person
Hester really
remained vacan
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occupy with he
itself, by puttin
garments that l
needle-work wa
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One peculiarity of the child



should fall, that it might testify of that particular ray. We but half express ourselves, and are ashamed of that divine idea which each of us represents. It may be safely trusted as proportionate and of good issues, so it be faithfully imparted, but God will not have his work made manifest by cowards. A man is relieved and gay when he has put his heart into his work and done his best; but what he has said or done otherwise, shall give him no peace. It is a deliverance which does not deliver. In the attempt his genius deserts him; no muse befriends; no invention, no hope.

Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events. Great men have always done so, and have never allowed themselves childlike to the genius of their age, believing that the absolutely trustworthy was to be found only in the past, working through their hands, present, and future being. And we are now men, and must do our best to mind the same transcendent destiny; no more victims, no invalids in a protected corner, not cowards, not fugitives, but guides, redeemers, and saviors. It is our Almighty effort, and advancing on God.

What pretty oracles nature yields us of the wisdom and behaviour of children, babes, and even of the divided and rebel mind, that distrust of itself, that our arithmetic has computed the strength of, and that to our purpose, these have not. The world is not their eye is as yet unconquered, and we are disconcerted. Inform them, so that one of the adults who youth and public opinion and claims not to be the youth himself. Hark! emphatic. It

saying, What if I live with these implications, "The Devil's own sacred names are what is against opposition he. I am as and names, percent and well than is right. I ought rude truth in all ways. philanthropy, shall that p bountiful cause of Abolition news from Barbadoes, w thy infant; love thy modest: have that grace, charitable ambition with folk a thousand miles of Rough and graceless wo

raries. Bashful or bold, then, he will know how to make us seniors very unnecessary.

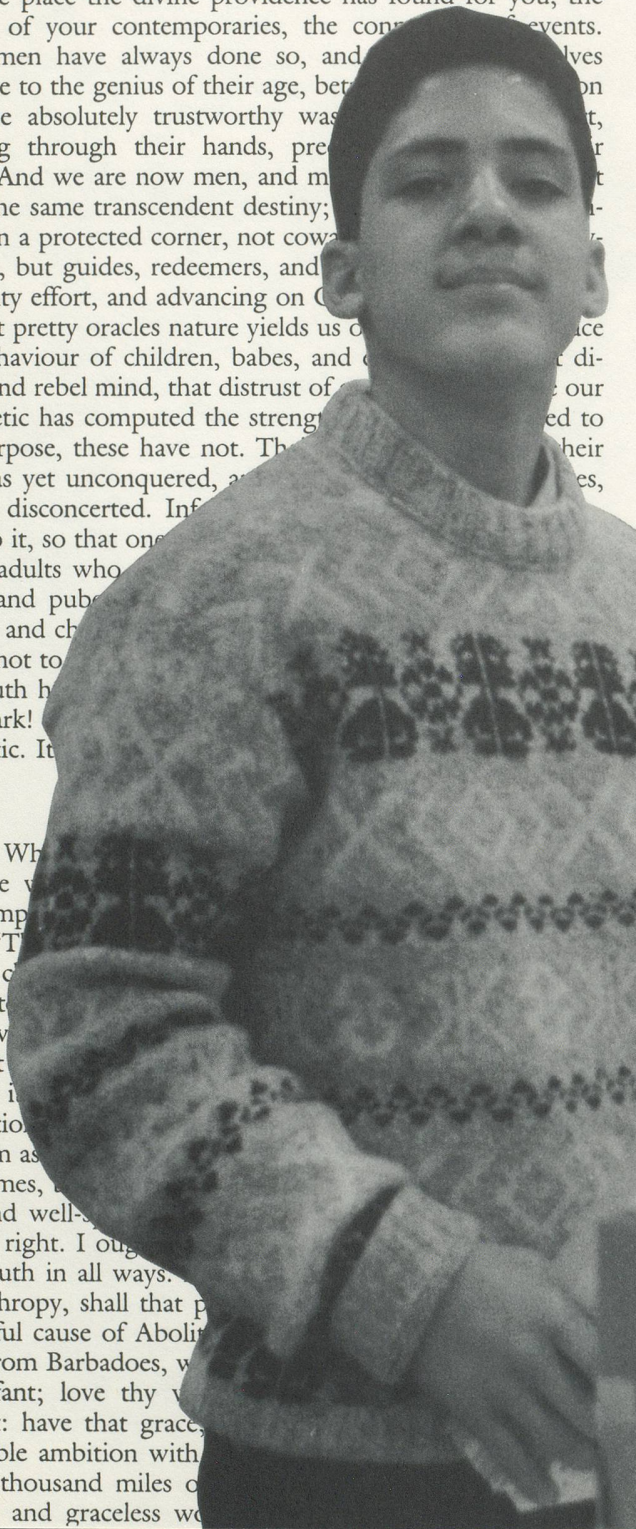
The nonchalance of boys who are sure of a dinner, and would disdain as much as a lord to do or say aught to conciliate one, is the healthy attitude of human nature. A boy is in the parlour what the pit is in the playhouse; independent, irresponsible, looking out from his corner on such people and facts as pass by, he tries and sentences them on their merits, in the swift, summary way of boys, as good, bad, interesting, silly, eloquent, troublesome. He cumbers himself never about consequences, about interests: he gives an independent, genuine verdict. You must court him: he does not court you. But the man is, as it were, clapped into jail by his consciousness. As soon as he has once acted or spoken with éclat, he is a committed person, watched by the sympathy or the hatred of hundreds, whose affections must now enter into his account. There is no Lethe for this. Ah, that he could pass again into his neutrality! Who can thus avoid all pledges, and having observed, observe again from the same unaffected, unbiased, unbribable, unaffrighted innocence, must always be formidable. He would utter opinions on all passing affairs, which being seen to be not private, but necessary, would sink like darts into the ear of men, and put them in fear.

These are the voices which we hear in solitude, but they grow faint and inaudible as we enter into the world. Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members. Society is a joint-stock company, in which the members agree, for the better securing of his bread to each shareholder, to surrender the liberty and culture of the eater. The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion. It loves not realities and creators, but names and customs.

Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist. He who would gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the number of goodness, but must explore if it be goodness. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Abandon you to yourself, and you shall have the suffrage of the

vain end to which many now stand; alms to sots; and the sandfold Relief Societies;—though I confess with shame I sometimes succumb and give the dollar, it is a wicked dollar by and by I shall have the manhood to withhold.

Men are, in the popular estimate, rather the exception than the rule. Men and his virtues. Men do what is a piece of courage or charity, in expiation of daily non-virtues, are done as an apology or world,—as invalids and the virtues are penances. I do not



The magnetism which all originate in, when we inquire the reason of such a conduct? What is the aboriginal Self, on which all must be grounded? What is the nature of this baffling star, without parallel, which shoots a ray of beauty from its actions, if the least mark of imperfection

late his nature. All the sallies of
law of his being, as the unequal-
are insignificant in the curve of
now you gauge and try him.

our Education, our Art look abroad, so
society. All men plume themselves on the
society, and no man improves.