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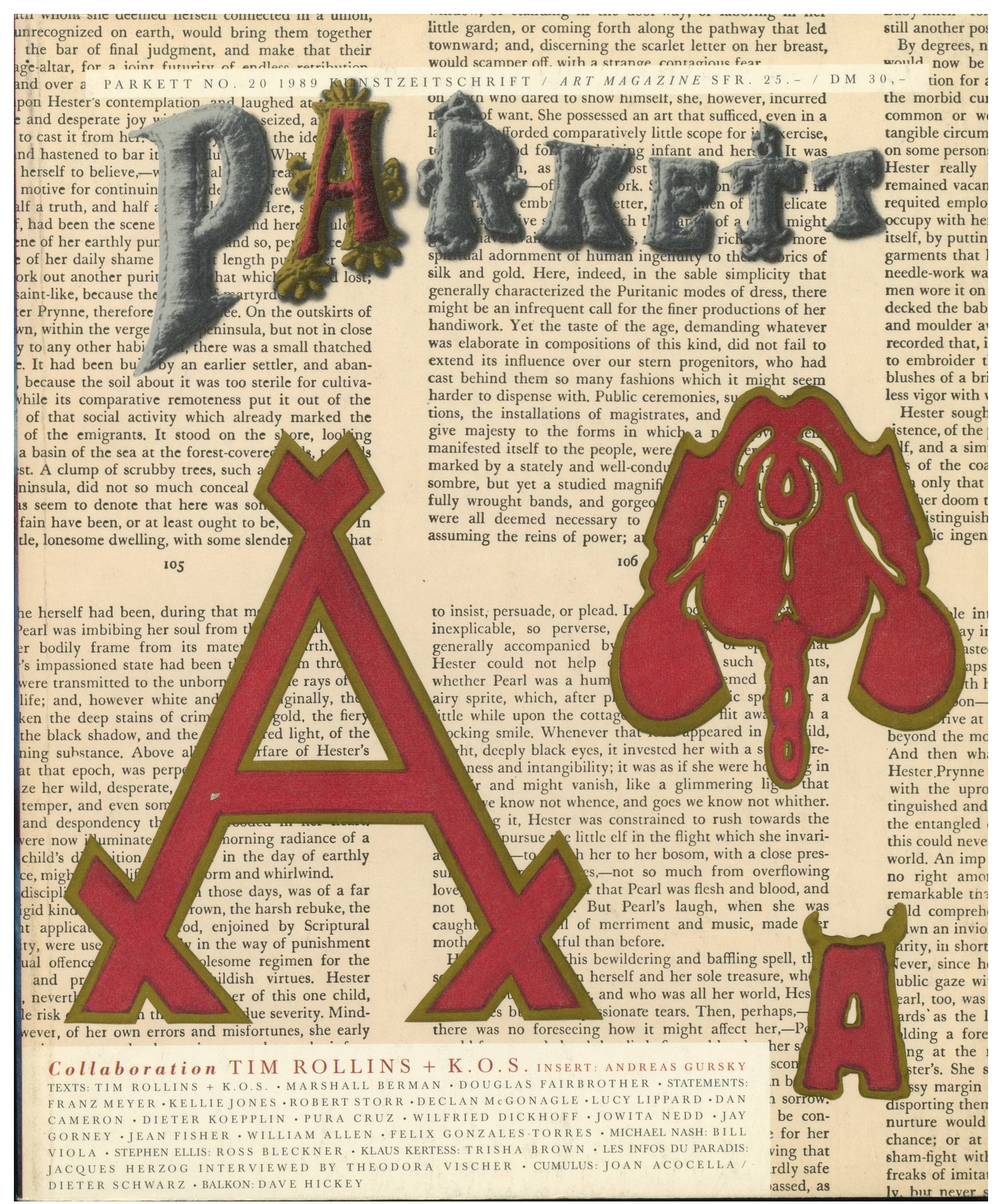

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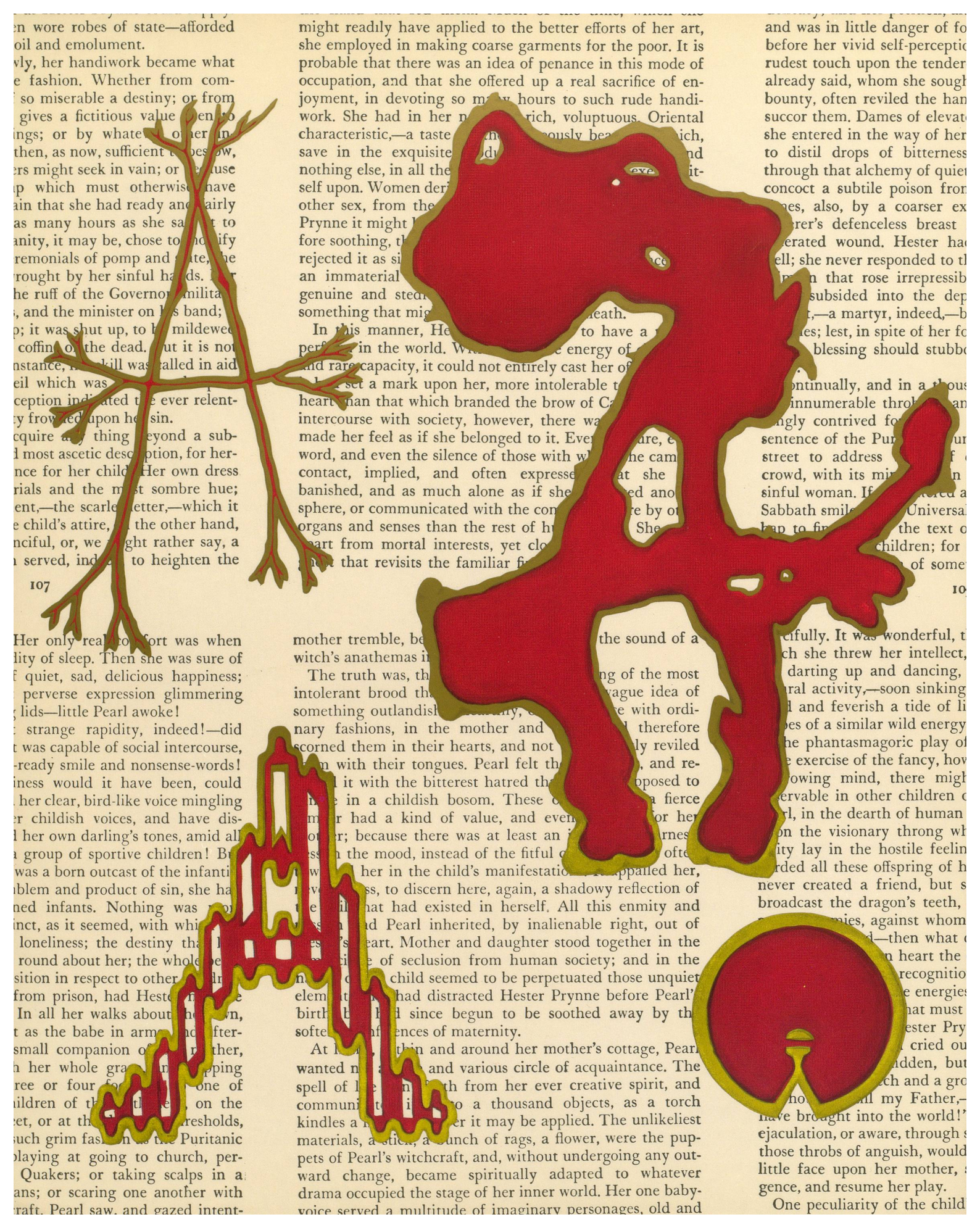

en wore robes of state—afforded
oil and emolument.
wly, her handiwork became what
e fashion. Whether from com-
so miserable a destiny; or from
gives a fictitious value even to
ings; or by whatever other in-
then, as now, sufficient to bestow,
ers might seek in vain; or because
p which must otherwise have
ain that she had ready and fairly
as many hours as she saw fit to
anity, it may be, chose to ho ify
remonials of pomp and state, the
rought by her sinful hands. For
he ruff of the Governor, militar
, and the minister on his band;
p; it was shut up, to be mildewed
coffin of the dead. But it is not
nstance, the skill was called in aid
eil which was
ception indicated the ever relent-
y frowned upon her sin.
cquire any thing beyond a sub-
l most ascetic description, for her-
nce for her child. Her own dress
rials and the most sombre hue;
ent,—the scarlet letter,—which it
e child's attire, on the other hand,
nciful, or, we might rather say, a
served, indeed, to heighten the

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might readily have applied to the better efforts of her art,
she employed in making coarse garments for the poor. It is
probable that there was an idea of penance in this mode of
occupation, and that she offered up a real sacrifice of en-
joyment, in devoting so many hours to such rude handi-
work. She had in her nature rich, voluptuous, Oriental
characteristic,—a taste [illegible] obviously beautiful,
save in the exquisite [illegible] and
nothing else, in all the [illegible] exer[illegible] it-
self upon. Women deri[illegible]
other sex, from the [illegible]
Prynne it might [illegible]
fore soothing, th[illegible]
rejected it as si[illegible]
an immaterial [illegible]
genuine and steadi[illegible]
something that mig[illegible] death.
In this manner, He[illegible] to have a
perfect [illegible] in the world. W[illegible] energy of
and rare capacity, it could not entirely cast her of
[illegible] set a mark upon her, more intolerable t[illegible]
heart than that which branded the brow of Ca[illegible]
intercourse with society, however, there wa[illegible]
made her feel as if she belonged to it. Ever[illegible]ure, e[illegible]
word, and even the silence of those with w[illegible] he cam[illegible]
contact, implied, and often expresse[illegible]at she
banished, and as much alone as if she [illegible]ed ano[illegible]
sphere, or communicated with the com[illegible]e by o[illegible]
organs and senses than the rest of h[illegible] She
part from mortal interests, yet clo[illegible]
[illegible] that revisits the familiar fi[illegible]

and was in little danger of fo
before her vivid self-perceptio
rudest touch upon the tender
already said, whom she sough
bounty, often reviled the han
succor them. Dames of elevat
she entered in the way of her
to distil drops of bitterness
through that alchemy of quiet
concoct a subtile poison fron
[illegible]nes, also, by a coarser ex
[illegible]rer's defenceless breast
[illegible]erated wound. Hester ha
ell; she never responded to t
[illegible]n that rose irrepressib
subsided into the dep
[illegible]t,—a martyr, indeed,—b
[illegible]es; lest, in spite of her fo
blessing should stubb

[illegible]ontinually, and in a [illegible]ous
[illegible]innumerable throb[illegible]an
[illegible]ngly contrived fo[illegible]
sentence of the Pur[illegible]ur
street to address [illegible]f
crowd, with its mi[illegible]n
sinful woman. If [illegible]ered a
Sabbath smile [illegible] Universal
[illegible]p to fi[illegible] the text o
[illegible] children; for
[illegible] of some

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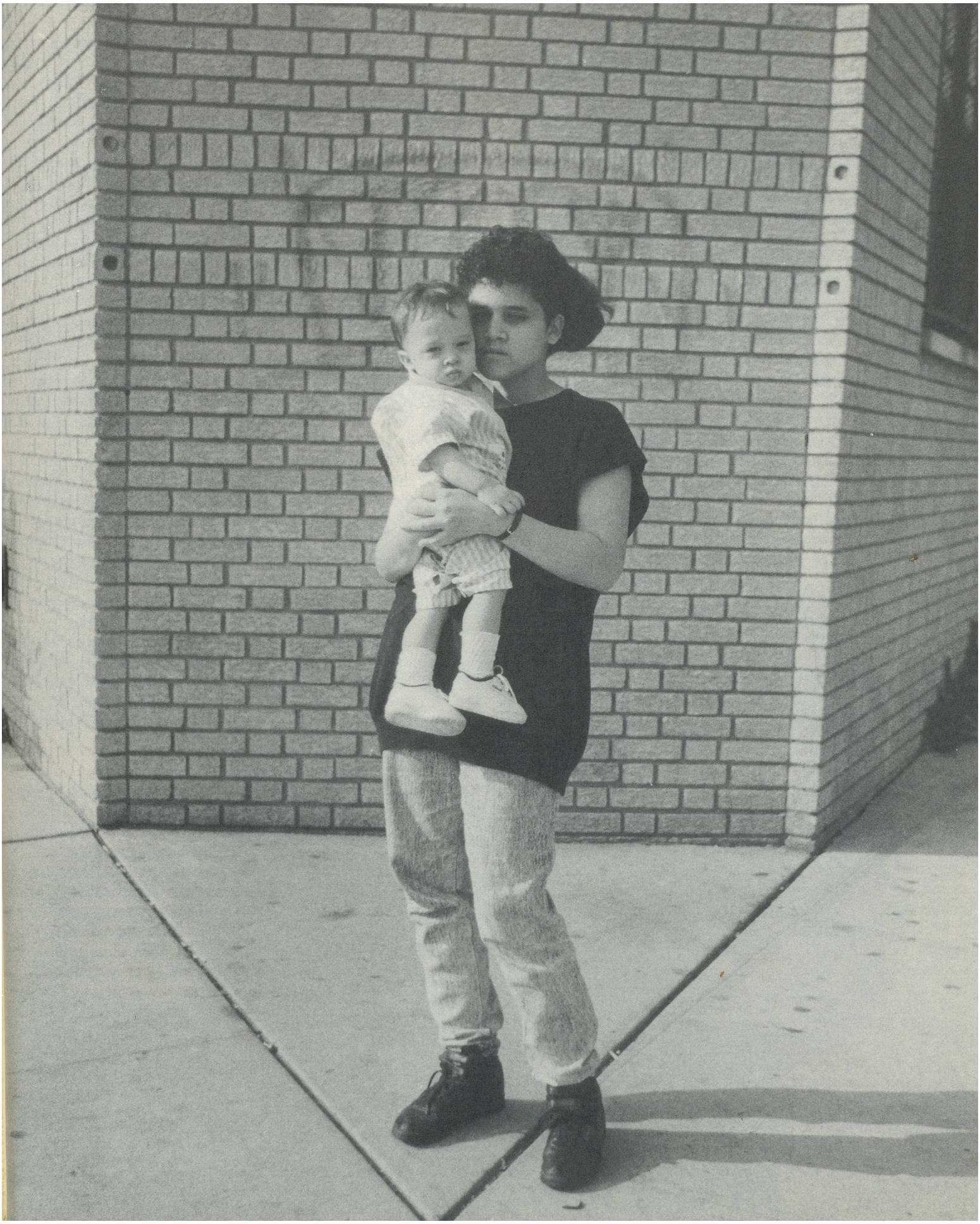
Her only real [illegible]fort was when
lity of sleep. Then she was sure of
quiet, sad, delicious happiness;
perverse expression glimmering
lids—little Pearl awoke!
strange rapidity, indeed!—did
t was capable of social intercourse,
-ready smile and nonsense-words!
iness would it have been, could
her clear, bird-like voice mingling
r childish voices, and have dis-
l her own darling's tones, amid all
group of sportive children! Bu
was a born outcast of the infanti
blem and product of sin, she ha
ned infants. Nothing was [illegible]
inct, as it seemed, with whi[illegible]
loneliness; the destiny th[illegible]
round about her; the whole [illegible]
sition in respect to other [illegible]
from prison, had Heste[illegible]
In all her walks about [illegible]n,
t as the babe in arm[illegible] after-
small companion o[illegible]ther,
h her whole gra[illegible]ping
ree or four fo[illegible] one of
ildren of th[illegible] on the
et, or at th[illegible]resholds,
such grim fas[illegible] Puritanic
playing at going to church, per-
Quakers; or taking scalps in a
ans; or scaring one another with
raft. Pearl saw, and gazed intent-

mother tremble, be[illegible] the sound of a
witch's anathemas i[illegible]
The truth was, th[illegible]ng of the most
intolerant brood th[illegible] vague idea of
something outlandish [illegible], [illegible]e with ordi-
nary fashions, in the mother and [illegible] therefore
scorned them in their hearts, and not [illegible]ly reviled
[illegible]m with their tongues. Pearl felt th[illegible], and re-
[illegible] it with the bitterest hatred th[illegible]pposed to
[illegible]e in a childish bosom. These [illegible] fierce
[illegible]r had a kind of value, and even [illegible]or her
[illegible]er; because there was at least an i[illegible]rnes
[illegible] the mood, instead of the fitful [illegible] ofte
[illegible] her in the child's manifestatio[illegible]ppalled her,
[illegible]ss, to discern here, again, a shadowy reflection of
[illegible]at had existed in herself. All this enmity and
[illegible]d Pearl inherited, by inalienable right, out of
[illegible]'s [illegible]eart. Mother and daughter stood together in the
[illegible]e of seclusion from human society; and in the
[illegible] child seemed to be perpetuated those unquiet
elem[illegible] had distracted Hester Prynne before Pearl'
birth [illegible] since begun to be soothed away by th
softe[illegible]nf[illegible]ences of maternity.
At [illegible] [illegible]thin and around her mother's cottage, Pear[illegible]
wanted n[illegible] and various circle of acquaintance. The
spell of [illegible]th from her ever creative spirit, and
communi[illegible]o a thousand objects, as a torch
kindles a [illegible]er it may be applied. The unlikeliest
materials, a stick, a bunch of rags, a flower, were the pup-
pets of Pearl's witchcraft, and, without undergoing any out-
ward change, became spiritually adapted to whatever
drama occupied the stage of her inner world. Her one baby-
voice served a multitude of imaginary personages, old and

[illegible]cifully. It was wonderful, t
[illegible]ch she threw her intellect,
darting up and dancing,
[illegible]ral activity,—soon sinking
[illegible]d and feverish a tide of li
[illegible]es of a similar wild energy
he phantasmagoric play of
[illegible]e exercise of the fancy, how
[illegible]owing mind, there migh
[illegible]ervable in other children o
[illegible]d, in the dearth of human
[illegible]on the visionary throng wh
[illegible]ity lay in the hostile feelin
[illegible]rded all these offspring of h
never created a friend, but s
broadcast the dragon's teeth,
[illegible]mies, against whom
[illegible]d—then what
[illegible]n heart the
recognitio
[illegible]e energies
[illegible]hat must
[illegible]ester Pry
[illegible] cried ou
[illegible]dden, but
[illegible]ch and a gro
[illegible]ll my Father,—
[illegible]ve brought into the world!"
ejaculation, or aware, through s
those throbs of anguish, would
little face upon her mother,
gence, and resume her play.
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 con[illegible] events. Great men have always done so, and [illegible]lves childlike to the genius of their age, bet[illegible]on that the absolutely trustworthy was [illegible]t, working through their hands, pre[illegible]r being. And we are now men, and m[illegible]t mind the same transcendent destiny; [illegible]-valids in a protected corner, not cow[illegible]-olution, but guides, redeemers, and [illegible] Almighty effort, and advancing on [illegible]

What pretty oracles nature yields us o[illegible]ce and behaviour of children, babes, and [illegible] divided and rebel mind, that distrust of [illegible] our arithmetic has computed the streng[illegible]ed to our purpose, these have not. Th[illegible]heir eye is as yet unconquered, a[illegible]es, we are disconcerted. Inf[illegible] form to it, so that on[illegible] of the adults who [illegible] youth and pub[illegible] quancy and ch[illegible] claims not to [illegible] the youth h[illegible] me. Hark! [illegible] emphatic. It [illegible]

saying, Wh[illegible] if I live [illegible] these imp[illegible] plied, "T[illegible] Devil's c[illegible] sacred t[illegible] names v[illegible] is what [illegible] against i[illegible] oppositio[illegible] he. I am as[illegible] and names, [illegible] cent and well-[illegible] than is right. I ou[illegible] rude truth in all ways. [illegible] philanthropy, shall that p[illegible] bountiful cause of Aboli[illegible] news from Barbadoes, w[illegible] thy infant; love thy [illegible] modest: have that grace[illegible] charitable ambition with [illegible] folk a thousand miles o[illegible] Rough and graceless wo[illegible]

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 eclat, 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 [illegible]stoms.

[illegible]hoso would be a man must be a nonconformist. He who [illegible]ld gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the [illegible]e of goodness, but must explore if it be goodness. Noth[illegible]is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Ab[illegible]e you to yourself, and you shall have the suffrage of the

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

[illegible]ues are, in the popular estimate, rather the exception [illegible]man *and* his virtues. Men do what [illegible]e piece of courage or charity, [illegible]n expiation of daily non- [illegible] are done as an apology or [illegible]world,—as invalids and the [illegible]rtues are penances. I do not [illegible]

to praise. That popular fable of the sot who was picked up dead drunk in the street, carried to the duke's house, washed and dressed and laid in the duke's bed, and, on his waking, treated with all obsequious ceremony like the duke, and assured that he had been insane, owes its popularity to the fact, that it symbolizes so well the state of man, who is in the world a sort of sot, but now and then wakes up, exercises his reason, and finds himself a true prince.

Our reading is mendicant and sycophantic. In history, our imagination plays us false. Kingdom and lordship, power and estate, are a gaudier vocabulary than private John and Edward in a small house and common day's work; but the things of life are the same to both; the sum total of both is [illegible] Why all this deference to Alfred, and Scanderb[illegible] tavus? Suppose they were virtuous; did they w[illegible] As great a stake depends on your private a[illegible] lowed their public and renowned steps. Wh[illegible] shall act with original views, the lustre will [illegible] from the actions of kings to those of gentlemen[illegible]

The world has been instructed by its king[illegible] magnetized the eyes of nations. It has been [illegible] colossal symbol the mutual reverence that is due fr[illegible] man. The joyful loyalty with which men have everywh[illegible] fered the king, the noble, or the great proprietor t[illegible] among them by a law of his own, make his own scale [illegible] and things, and reverse theirs, pay for benefits n[illegible] money but with honor, and represent the law i[illegible] was the hieroglyphic by which they ob[illegible] consciousness of their own right and [illegible] every man.

The magnetism which all origi[illegible] when we inquire the reason of s[illegible] What is the aboriginal Self, on[illegible] be grounded? What is the na[illegible] baffling star, without paralla[illegible] which shoots a ray of beau[illegible] actions, if the least mark of i[illegible]

But do your work, and I sh[illegible] possession. That which you shall reinforce yourse[illegible] can teach him. No man blindman's-buff is this gam[illegible] at person has exhibited it. sect, I anticipate your argu[illegible] have taught Shakspeare? for his text and topic the exp[illegible] have instructed Franklin, or of his church. Do I not know[illegible] on, or Newton? Every great man is a can he say a new and spontaneou[illegible] ism of Scipio is precisely that part he with all this ostentation of examini[illegible] akspeare will never be made by the stitution, he will do no such thing? [illegible] that which is assigned you, and you pledged to himself not to look but[illegible] or dare too much. There is at this ted side, not as a man, but as a p[illegible] ance brave and grand as that of the tained attorney, and these airs of [illegible] or trowel of the Egyptians, or the affectation. Well, most men have [illegible] but different from all these. Not or another handkerchief, and atta[illegible] ll rich, all eloquent, with thousand-one of these communities of opinion[illegible] repeat itself; but if you can hear what them not false in a few particulars, [illegible] ely you can reply to them in the same false in all particulars. Their every[illegible] ar and the tongue are two organs of Their two is not the real two, their[illegible] simple and noble regions of thy life, that every word they say chagrins u[illegible] hou shalt reproduce the Foreworld to begin to set them right. Meant[illegible] equip us in the prison-uniform of [illegible] our Education, our Art look abroad, so here. We come to wear one cut of fa[illegible] iety. All men plume themselves on the by degrees the gentlest asinine exp[illegible] ty, and no man improves.

rage the indignation of the people is added, when the ignorant and the poor are aroused, when the unintelligent brute force that lies at the bottom of society is made to growl and mow, it needs the habit of magnanimity and religion to treat it godlike as a trifle of no concernment.

The other terror that scares us from self-trust is our consistency; a reverence for our past act or word, because the eyes of others have no other data for computing our orbit than our past acts, and we are loath to disappoint them.

But why should you keep your head over your shoulder? Why drag about this corpse of your memory, lest you contradict somewhat you have stated in this or that public place? [illegible]ose you should contradict yourself; what then? It seems [illegible]le of wisdom never to rely on your memory alone, [illegible]n in acts of pure memory, but to bring the past [illegible]t into the thousand-eyed present, and live ever in [illegible]n your metaphysics you have denied personality [illegible] yet when the devout motions of the soul come, [illegible] heart and life, though they should clothe God [illegible]d color. Leave your theory, as Joseph his coat [illegible] of the harlot, and flee.

[illegible]h consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, [illegible] by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With [illegible]ncy a great soul has simply nothing to do. He may as [illegible]cern himself with his shadow on the wall. Speak what [illegible] now in hard words, and to-morrow speak what to-[illegible]hinks in hard words again, though it contradict [illegible]d to-day.—'Ah, so you shall be sure to be [illegible]it so bad, then, to be misunderstood? [illegible]erstood, and Socrates, and Jesus, and [illegible]and Galileo, and Newton, and every [illegible]er took flesh. To be great is to be [illegible]

[illegible]late his nature. All the sallies of [illegible]law of his being, as the inequal-[illegible]e insignificant in the curve of [illegible]ow you gauge and try him.