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be called civil government, and then proceeds to treat successively of the town, county, city, and State, and of the United States. To our mind this is a wrong method of procedure, the State being the foundation of civil order, and therefore requiring to be treated first; while the towns and counties, being mere agents of the State, should be passed over with slight notice. Mr. Peterman fails, too, as most writers of such treatises do, to give a clear idea of what government is for, and why we are bound to obey it. The work is faulty also in reviving the old fiction of a social contract as the basis of civil society; and in general the theoretical parts of the book are inferior to the descriptive. It will serve, however as an introduction to the subject, which can afterwards be pursued in more philosophical treatises.

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