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"A little learning is a dangerous thing,"

and caring not to adopt the latter portion of the sentiment, thrust the enlightening volume from their sight in something like the indifferent mood of the savan, Budæus, who, upon receiving the notification of his residence being in flames, coolly replied, "Inform your mistress; it is her concern—you know I never interfere in domestic matters." The natural memory, unaided by art, may bring vividly to mind experiences to which these observations may not be altogether foreign. We can picture to ourselves the freighter hastily penning his signature to the document known as the declaration or consignment note, and thus binding himself to an agreement, in closely-printed letterpress, embodying subject-matter, of the nature of which he is perfectly unconscious, sufficiently elaborate for the absorption of quite a quarter of an hour.