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THE CRAYON.—The new weekly paper, to be devoted to Art, which we announced a short time since, has already made its appearance. The first number is highly creditable to its conductors—Messrs. Stillman & Durand. The article entitled "Landscape Element in American Poetry" presents a charming analysis of some of the more beautiful passages in the writings of Bryant—those which peculiarly illustrate the poet's perception of the influences of external nature. The letter on Landscape Painting, by Mr. Durand, contains many valuable suggestions to young students of art, and gives promise that the series of which it is a part will be of great practical utility. The paper is a neatly printed quarto, containing sixteen pages.

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