

Kossuth as English orator

"Imagine a man ab. 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, with a good forehead, scanty black hair, Sallow complexion, and a face worn with care or study, or both; long flowing beard and mustachios and dressed exactly as ~~the~~ Shylock or Tubalca in the play of the "Merchant of Venice"; that is with a black surtout close to the neck, and open hanging sleeves. When this was thrown open, in speaking, a handsome black velvet vest was visible, light up to the throat. He wore white kid gloves, which he took off when he began to speak. I was prepared to hear a first-rate orator after reading his reported speeches at Southampton. I was disappointed. His voice is indifferant; he sinks it at the conclusion of a sentence, and the reporters had the greatest difficulty to catch the closing periods of his sentences. He speaks slowly, in very good Grammatical English. He is a good actor. Sometimes his gestures were very graceful,

especially when he bowed his
thanks to the Lord Mayor, and crossed
his hands on his breast, in a
fashion.

His imperfect English had
a charm to his speaking, which,
however, was not of course, so
effective as that of many of our
own orators, inasmuch as he had
slips of notes in his hand, from
which he read continually.
Some passages, however, highly
effective, especially his appeal to
"England and the U.S." that they
would not forget it, in their proud
security."

His continued refrain "you
have the power to help - help!" which
he repeated six or seven times at
intervals, would have been
effective, but from the sinking
of his voice, which rendered it
impossible for the auditory to
hear the last word. So the
effect was lost. However, as a
speaker, he is unquestionably a
first rate man. Considering
it was delivered in a foreign

idiom, his speech kindled a great
enthusiasm - this personal
will, I anticipate, produce a
better effect in print than it did
in delivery.

Also other

! Boston Eve. Draw. 1851
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"The Southampton Times" poem
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"my mirror": Jazeth-Tschman
u.o. Dec. 20 1/2

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M. Hauser at Chickering's room
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~~H F Gould: The Mapper (Newburyport)
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