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188 FLEET STREET: November 2, 1885. TE confess that it is with an anxiety almost amounting to awe that we have read of a piratical attack upon the stronghold of Mr. Ruskin. The venerable philosopher and veteran critic has, in this country at least, made his position impregnable, not only against what he considers the mercenary onslaughts of publishers and booksellers, but also against the longings of humble book buyers. Mr. Ruskin's protection, however, is useless against the attacks of adventurous aliens.

In a letter which appeared in the Times of October 27 Mr. Thomas J. Gullick remarked that he had been attracted to an auction-room in Old Bond Street by an advertisement which stated that a number of the works of Mr. Ruskin were to be sold there. Mr. Gullick says:—

'On obtaining a catalogue I found the works described thus-"Ruskin's Modern Painters 5, Stones of Venice 3, and Seven Lamps of Architecture," nine volumes forming the first lot. The next lot was identical; and further on was a lot of ten volumes of other of "Ruskin's Works." The three lots were tightly tied up, but (after some opposition from an attendant) I examined them, and found the whole to be American reprints, with the original plates of those illustrated, reproduced either by some mechanical process or as inferior lithographs.'

At the sale the writer of the letter protested that the works were 'American reprints only,' to which the auctioneer replied, 'There are the books, you can see what they are for yourself.' A further remonstrance was, 'They are piracies.' This declaration seems to have awakened a sense of danger in the mind of the auctioneer, for his reply was that the books were 'offered for sale merely to satisfy a client, but would not be sold.' Mr. Gullick's remonstrance, however, was not wholly successful, for a third lot was 'put up and knocked down without any comment whatever.'

If these are the actual facts of the case, someone has been guilty, consciously or unconsciously, of a flagrant breach of British law. And we are glad to see that Messrs. Tarrant & Mackrell, Mr. Ruskin's solicitors, have been fully alive to the importance of the subject, and to their own responsibilities in connection with the suppression of illegal sales of piratical editions of the great author's works. As an example of what is done on the other side of the Atlantic with the works of Mr. Ruskin, we quote the remarks of our Edinburgh correspondent which appeared in our

of Ruskin, it may interest your readers to know that a marvellous edition of the great art-critic's works is in course of publication I have seen a sample volume, in America. printed on toned paper and exquisitely bound with bevelled boards, containing "The Seven Lamps," "Lectures on Architecture," "The Queen of the Air," and "Ethics of the Dust," with all the original woodcuts, sold for 85 cents., or 3s. 7d.!'

Mr. Ruskin in this matter cannot expect -probably he does not want—the sympathy that would be readily accorded to any writer who launched his books freely, so that they might float upon the sea of popularity and be found serviceable to his fellow-men. In connection with Mr. Ruskin the Americans are fortunate. It is his own less-favoured countrymen who suffer and become despondent if they wish even to read, not to speak of possessing, these unapproachable books. Libraries in our times are certainly plentiful, but they do not answer all purposes. For example, the influence of libraries which can afford to keep Mr. Ruskin's books certainly does not penetrate to all quarters. It would almost appear that Mr. Ruskin has given strong practical support to an idea that the Republic of Letters has an aristocracy and that wealth and brains are indissolubly linked together.

Ruskin VERSUS Robinson. — The case arising from the above-mentioned transaction came up for hearing before Mr. Justice Pearson on Friday, October 30. Mr. Cozens Hardy, Q.C., Mr. Bramwell Davis, and Mr. Wedderburn appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Northmore Lawrence for the defendant. The action resolved itself into a question of costs.

In giving judgment in favour of the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Pearson said the position of Mr. Ruskin was well known in this country; he was fortunately alive at the present day, and no person — least of all persons in the habit of selling bookscould pretend to be ignorant of Mr. Ruskin's eminence as the most eloquent writer of English except Jeremy Taylor, or of the value of his copyright. He took it that Messrs. Robinson & Fisher were highly respectable auctioneers of Bond Street, who would not willingly commit a breach of the law; but it they did, either through their own carelessness or that of their agent, they were responsible for that want of care. It was said that before the injunction was obtained the plaintiff's solicitors ought to have applied to Messrs. Robinson & Fisher and to have asked them to withdraw the books from the sale. His Lordship was not prepared to say that it was the duty of the solicitors, being aware of the intended sale on the 21st only, to do so. He issue of August 1. 'While on the subject | did not know what harm might be done to the

owner of the copyright if spurious copies were allowed to be sold, and he was not prepared to say that Mr. Ruskin could not have complained of the conduct of his solicitors if they had given notice and did not at once proceed to get an order. It had been determined by other authorities than his that in cases of this kind notice is not necessary, and that the party in the wrong must pay the costs, though he may have had no bad intention and may have acted in ignorance. When the injunction was served it was the duty of the defendants to offer to make all amends and to pay the costs of the proceedings up to that time. His Lordship referred to the judgment of the late Master of the Rolls in a copyright case of Cooper v. Whittingham (L.R. 15, Ch. D. 501), where Sir George Jessel said that the rule was, where a plaintiff comes to enforce a legal right, and there has been no misconduct on his part, no omission or neglect, which would induce the Court to deprive him of his costs, the Court had no discretion, and could not take away the plaintiff's right to costs. He did not, his Lordship said, find anything to take the case out of that rule, and gave the plaintiff his costs.

Copyright of University Lectures.—Mr. William S. Sime, bookseller, Glasgow, recently appealed to the Second Division of the Court of Session against a decision given in the Sheriff's Court of Lanarkshire, granting an interdict at the instance of Professor Edward Caird against the publication of certain works entitled 'An Aid to the Study of Moral Philosophy.' Mr. Sime's appeal was successful.

The Lord Justice-Clerk (Moncrieff) said the result of the opinions of the consulted judges was that four were in favour of the defender and five were in favour of the pursuer, and of those of their Lordships in this Division, that two were in favour of the defender and one in favour of the pursuer. He gave his voice in favour of the defender, of the ground that he thought the pursuer had failed to establish the proposition in point of law on which his demand for interdict rested, that he had a right of property in his delivered lectures. On this question he agreed with the opinion of the Lord-President and those of the consulting judges who had expressed their concurrence with him, and he agreed entirely and in all particulars with the opinion of Lord Young. He had been unable to appreciate the view on which the pursuer had insisted that there was no distinction between the case of a professor in a public university and that of a private lecturer, and that the judgment of Lord Eldon in the case of Abernethy was equally applicable to the present case. He was so far from being of that view that he thought the distinction between a private lecturer and a public official was marked and vital on the very principle on which the case of Abernethy was decided. That case proceeded on the footing of an implied contract between the voluntary lecturer and the students whom he permitted to be present. The lecturer was free to lecture or not as he liked, and to attach any conditions he pleased to the advantage he bestowed upon his audience; but when the lecturer was under public obligation to lecture in consideration of the position and emoluments of a professorship in a public university, the time, learning, and ability of which he was before the uncontrolled master were devoted to the duties of his chair, and hel

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was no longer free to impose conditions other than those by which his office was regulated. He by no means said that this general proposition was conclusive of the present dispute, but it indicated that to confound the public professor with the private lecturer was to lose sight of one most important element in the controversy. After alluding to the statute of William IV., which he thought was not without importance, and to the case of Nicol against Pitman, in which Mr. Justice Kay simply applied Lord Eldon's judgment in the Abernethy case, his Lordship said that for the rest he entirely agreed with the views expressed by the Lord-President. He thought that these lectures were published by the mere delivery to an audience of the public as part of the professor's duty in discharge of his academical obligations. On the whole matter, his opinion was in favour of the defender, and the result of that was that of the judges in the whole Court there were six in favour of the pursuer and for sustaining the judgment and continuing the interdict, and there were seven against the pursuer and in favour of the defender. Therefore he proposed that they should pronounce the following interlocutor:— 'Find that the pursuer is professor in the University of Glasgow, and that the lectures referred to in the record were delivered by him to his students as part of his ordinary course; find that the defender, who is a bookseller in Glasgow, published the work now complained of: find that this work was compiled by a student who had attended the classes, and who had taken notes in shorthand of the professor's lectures: find, in conformity with the opinion of the majority of the whole Court, that such publication did not constitute an infringement of any legal right of property belonging to or vested in the pursuer: therefore sustain the appeal, recall the judgment appealed against, and dismiss the action, with expenses.

SHAKSPEAREAN BOOKSELLERS.—It is just three hundred years ago since young William Shakspeare left Stratford-upon-Avon and came to London with the proverbial 'penny in his pocket.' Eight years afterwards he attained literary celebrity by the publication of his first poem, Venus and Adonis, which was published by Richard Field. This was quickly followed by his historical plays, and then by his comedies. It may interest our readers to learn the names and the places of business of the many booksellers who, it is said, derived large profits from the publication of the plays of Shakspeare during his life-time. There were:

Richard Field, at the signe of the White Greyhound, in Paules Church-yard.

Thomas Millington, at his shoppe under St. Peter's Church in Corn-wal.

Andrew Wise, at his shop in Paules Church-yard, at the signe of the Angell.

William Leake, dwelling in Paules Churchyard at the signe of the Greyhound.

Cuthbert Burby, at his shep neare the Exchange.

John Busby, at his house in Carter Lane,

next the Powle Head (Paul's).

Thomas Fisher, at his shoppe, at the signe of the White Hart, in Fleete-Streete. Edward White, at the little North dore of

Paules, at the signe of the Gun. Thomas Heyes, in Paules Church-yard, at

the signe of the Greene Dragon.

the signe of the Flower-de-Leuse and the Crowne.

Thomas Pavier, at the signe of the Cat and Parrets, near to the Exchange.

Mathew Law, in Paules Churchyard, at the signe of the Foxe, near S. Austin's Gate. Nathaniel Butter, in Paules Churchyard, at the signe of the Pyed Bull, near S. Austin's Gate.

R. Bonian and H. Walley, at the Spred Eagle, in Paules Churchyard, over against the great North Doore.

Henry Gosson, at the signe of the Sunne, in Pater-noster row.

John Wright, dwelling at Christ Church Gate.

John Smethwick, in Saint Dunstane's Churchyard, in Fleete Street, under the Dyall.

John Helme, at his shop in Saint Dunston's Churchyard, in Fleetestreet.

Roger Jackson, at his shop, neere the Conduit, in Fleet Street.

The names of the printers were Richard Field, Thomas Creede, Valentine Simmes, James Roberts, John Danter, W. Jaggard, G. Eld, and many others, who gave their Considering that all these initials only. worthy booksellers published various editions of one author's books in less than twenty years, 'trade' could not have been very bad at the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries. Certainly no other writer has ever given so much employment to printers and publishers.

THE WILLIAM SPOTTISWOODE MEMORIAL.— A meeting of the Committee was yesterday held at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Literature, under the presidency of Mr. Warren De La Rue, chairman. The business of the meeting was to receive from the treasurer (Mr. Samuel Spalding) a financial statement, and to close the fund. The secretary (Mr. J. S. Hodson) submitted a draft report, which was adopted by the committee, and directed to be forwarded to each contributor, announcing that the sum of £690 6s. had been handed over to the Printers' Corporation, with which to establish the William Spottiswoode Memorial Pension for incapacitated printers, or widows of printers.

New Albums.—In giving a preliminary notice of these publications we would remind our readers that last year the 'Bréanski Album, issued by Messrs. T. J. Smith, Son, & Downes, attracted much admiration, so much so that a new issue of the same work has been called for this season. But the new work issued by the same firm is the 'Album of Blossom and Fruit,' which is certainly a most exquisite example of taste and refinement in art, as well as skill and ability in productive workmanship. The designs are sixteen in number, specially drawn by Mr. Vincent Clare, from various fruits and flowers, the representations of which are of the natural size. We will take another opportunity of speaking more fully of these Messrs. Marion's 'Song fine publications. Album' will assuredly be among the successes

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Arthur Johnson, in Powles Churchyard, at of the season. Every page has a quotation. from some familiar and well-loved English song, illustrated by an appropriate and beautiful example of art design.

### Announcements.

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### ELECTORAL LITERATURE.

The politics of the day are engrossing so much attention among all classes of the community, that we think a useful purpose may be served by giving a brief synopsis of the contents of a few books and pamphlets which, directly or indirectly, have a bearing upon the present crisis. The works now noticed are some of those which have recently been sent to us for review.

An examination of modern publications of this nature will show that a distinct advance has been made in their character when compared with the coarse productions of former

At the same time, modern refinement cannot be said to have dulled the incisiveness of argument. The sword—dangerous, perhaps, to wield—is now bright and keen, but it leaves a clean wound, in place of the laceration dealt by the merciless weapons of former times.

It is noticeable, too, that apart from controversy there is a desire to place really useful books in the hands of the people; books which may, by their marshalling of facts, enable readers to form their own opinions regarding the vital questions which are before the nation. But it is to be regretted that under the much abused name of History a number of writers continue the practice of inquiring into the features of certain epochs and events, with a premeditated determination to use only such materials as will support their personal convictions, or may be supposed to strengthen the cause which they have at heart. Compilations of this description cannot be too strongly con-And yet we suppose they have become indispensable in connection with politics.

As we are aware that in the political concert Truth is a tune which has a good many variations, we would advise the electorate to read wise books as much as possible, and listen to fewer speeches before they go forward to record their votes.

One of the best books that an active politician could have is Stanford's Parliamentary County Atlas and Handbook of England and Wales (London: Edward Stanford). Considering the important fact that the work is thoroughly up to date, we are prepared to say that it is indispensable to members of parliament, parliamentary agents, journalists, registrars, and, in short, to every one who in any way may be connected with political organisations. Besides this, it is a good book for the library. The contents give an unequalled view of the topography, statistics, local administrations, and new parliamentary constituencies of the country. It contains geological and orographical maps of Great Britain, and physical, statistical, and administrative maps of England and Wales, lists of parishes, petty sessional divisions, and unions, population tables, &c. The county maps, all from the celebrated establishment of Mr. Stanford, are clear, full, and convenient in size. The letterpress information contains populations (1801-1881), occupations of the people, areas, agriculture (crops and live stock), value of land, &c. In every respect this work, as a compendium of information regarding England and Wales, is the best that we have seen.

Strictly speaking, it may not be right to include under the heading 'Electoral Literature' such a work as Lectures introductory to the Study of the Law of the Constitution, by A.V. Dicey, B.C.L. (Macmillan & Co.) Nevertheless, it is a book which should be of the greatest value at the present time. Mr. Dicey says that his 'book is (as its title imports) an introduction to the study of the law of the Constitution; it does not pretend to be even a summary, much less a complete account | every reason to think that the Liberal party,

of constitutional law.' In publishing the present work, however, Mr. Dicey has done an excellent service for the public. His book is a singularly acceptable condensation of a very wide and difficult subject, and should take a permanent place in legislative literature. The Lectures are as follows: (1) The True Nature of Constitutional Law; (2) The Sovereignty of Parliament; (3) Comparison between Parliament and Non-sovereign Lawmaking Bodies: (4) Parliamentary Sovereignty and Federalism; (5) The Rule of Law: its Nature; (6 and 7) The Rule of Law: its Applications; (8) The Connection between the Law of the Constitution and the Conventions of the Constitution. The lectures are by no means 'hard' reading for anyone, and a copious index of their contents is supplied.

Candidates, chairmen of committees, election agents and voters, however honest in their intentions, will have not a little difficulty in keeping clear of corrupt practices during the approaching election. That they should be perfectly acquainted with the law is absolutely essential; trifling acts of omission or commission may throw them or their friends into a sea of trouble. A remarkably simple and trustworthy book for such emergencies, or threatened emergencies, is An Election Manual, by J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P. (Chapman & Hall). The little book has already passed through several editions, and has taken its position as an authority for the approaching election. It contains the 'Parliamentary Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Practices) Act, 1883,' with Notes. Chapter I. (Introductory) explains the limitation of the expenses of elections, acts which make an election void, and penalties for offences against election law. The second chapter deals wholly with matters connected with the conducting of election affairs; while in the third chapter we have the 'Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883. From this brief reference to the contents it may be inferred that the Manual is very complete. The names of the compiler and publishers guarantee its accuracy. The little book should be in large demand throughout the whole country.

The terse and pithy reasons given by over fifty recognised leaders of the Liberal party in Why I am a Liberal, edited by Andrew Reid (Cassell & Co.), would be sufficient in themselves to establish the reputation of a book. Already Mr. Reid's volume has attracted universal attention. Thousands are being sold. Robert Browning opens the subject with some noble lines, and Mr. Gladstone's words, 'The principle of Liberalism is trust in the people, qualified by prudence; the principle of Conservatism is mistrust of the people, qualified by fear,' will be sure to become a strong point in the orations of his party. Lord Rosebery's words are brief and to the point: he is a Liberal because he wishes to be associated with the best men in the best work.' We may safely say that 'Why I am a Liberal' is the most interesting political book that we have ever seen, and there is

individually and collectively, will see in it an comprehensive and fair account of the progress invaluable handbook for the support of their of reform in this country. The contents are divided into six sections. The first refers to

'The Three Reforms of Parliament' (T. Fisher Unwin), by William Heaton, editor of Cassell's 'Concise Cyclopædia,' is a history of the great changes which have taken place in the electoral legislation of the country between the years 1830-1885. The volume includes a mass of information regarding the political and social condition of the people at the different periods to which reference is made. The arrangement of the materials shows that the compiler possesses a thorough knowledge of the mode of literary treatment which should be adopted in such cases. The work is systematic, clear, and complete. After the introductory chapter, which gives a rough outline of the condition of the constituencies before 1832, Mr. Heaton deals with the first Reform Act and its results. He then takes up the subject of the second Reform Act and its results. The concluding chapter deals with the third Reform, in which connection Mr. Heaton remarks in his preface: 'Grand as is that chapter in our history which is looked at from a single point of view only in this volume, I believe that the next chapter will be infinitely grander; and I am confident that it will both illustrate and confirm those Liberal principles of legislation —I would rather say, those Radical principles —to which I have been attached from my youth up, and which I cherish in ever-increasing affection with advancing years.' useful appendix and a good index form part of the volume.

We have before us a copy of the tenth edition (of 10,000 each) of **Depression in Trade:** its Cause and Remedies, by Edwin Goadley and William Watt; with an Introductory Chapter by Professor Leone Levi, F.S.A., F.S.S. (Chatto & Windus). This interesting pamphlet contains the **Pears'** Prize Essays, the prize of a hundred guineas given by that enterprising firm having been divided between Mr. Goadley and Mr. Watt. The essays give a very instructive account of the condition of trade in the country. Professor Levi's introductory chapter (read at the recent meeting of the British Association) is a valuable contribution to economical science.

Mr. James Murdoch, in the preface to his History of Constitutional Reform in Great Britain and Ireland (Blackie & Son), says that in the book 'there is no contentious matter introduced, no doubtful history referred to, no bias consciously permitted. . . . . Every public document bearing upon the subject of reform has been made use of, every great leader in the cause has been acknowledged, and every speech of consequence, whether in Parliament or out of it, and whether from the promoters or the opponents of reform, has been carefully abridged and reproduced from the Annual Register, from Hansard, and other authentic sources.' In these statements Mr. Murdoch certainly makes a broad claim; but so far as we can see he is justified in doing so. His book is a concise, and at the same time a written.

of reform in this country. The contents are divided into six sections. The first refers to the theory of political government, the second to the contests for supremacy by the three estates, the position of affairs in 1688 being the subject of the third section, while the fourth is devoted to the position of the country at that time. By far the largest portion of the book necessarily deals with the great measures of 1832, 1867, and 1884, which are treated in as full a manner as might be expected considering the compass of the book. Here and there we observe distinct signs of a party leaning, but upon the whole we must congratulate Mr. Murdoch upon having produced a book that should be acceptable to a large number of readers at the present time. The volume is readily referred to, and has a good index.

A political jeu d'esprit which recently has gained much favour among the public is **The** New Democracy, a Fragment of Caucusian History (Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.). The story is both bright and amusing, sustaining the interest to the last page.

A new work, from the same author, is **Shooting Niagara!** or the **Last Days of Caucusia** (Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.). Every elector who wants relief from the prevailing cries of taxation and tyranny should get the little book, and he may be sure of an hour's cheerful reading of mingled fun and common-sense.

A Diary of the Gladstone Government (Blackwood & Sons) is as smart a skit as the undoubtedly clever originators of these books have as yet issued. They should be satisfied if it comes up to the same figures as to sale which the 'Gladstone Almanac' reached.

In Facts about the New Electorate, by John Bray (London: Edward Stanford), the author says that 'the new electorate are more particularly interested in, and affected by, the condition of the British industries than by any other branch of our national politics; and as trade is the most important element in a country, what affects them affects the nation.' Mr. Bray is a powerful advocate on behalf of 'Fair Trade,' and has strengthened his position well, both by historical references and statistical tables.

Strangely enough the affairs of India do not attract the attention they deserve from the electorate of this country. Mr. William Digby, C.I.E., the Liberal candidate for North Paddington, has published a pamphlet entitled India's Interest in the British Ballot-Box (Talbot Brothers), which should attract some notice through the writer's known capacity to speak upon such a question. The opinions of Mr. Digby support the Liberal policy.

Another Liberal pamphlet is Gladstone Government: a Chapter of Contemporary History, by Teufelsdröckh junior (Field & Tuer). Its scope embraces various subjects now before the country, and it is well written.

Readers of The Times will remember the powerful letters upon the Eastern Question which some time ago appeared in the columns of that newspaper. These have now been published in a separate form under the title English Policy in the Far East, by Archibald R. Colquhoun, F.R.G.S. (Field & Tuer). Mr. Colquhoun—whose name is familiar to English readers as the author of 'Across Chrysê,' 'Amongst the Shans,' &c.—makes a strong charge, supported by personal observation, of inactivity and neglect against the late Government.

Russia's Power of Attacking India, by Charles Marvin (W. H. Allen & Co.), is an urgent appeal to the country regarding the condition of our Eastern Empire. The questions asked are—'Does Russia want India?' 'Can she ever expel us from it?' 'Is India worth keeping?' These questions are answered briefly and with spirit from an anti-Russian standpoint. The pamphlet has four maps, and is issued at a price which places it within the reach of everybody.

A brochure which carries the signs of being the work of an experienced writer is **Party Politics and the Social Question**, by Æon (London Literary Society). The aim of the author is to show for what reasons the working men of this country should support the Conservative cause.

Ad Clerum, by One of Themselves (London Literary Society), sets forth the duty of the clergy towards politics at the present time. The words are urgent in the support of the Church. Why does the writer spell the name of the great author of the 'History of the Jews' with two l's—Millman?

Those who are interested in the Sunday Question will find strong arguments in support of the preservation of the sanctity of the day by a perusal of **The People's Day**, by William Arthur (Bemrose & Sons). Mr. Arthur's book has been a standard work for many years, and it has opportunely been reissued in a convenient and cheap form.

## Potes and Pews.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. announce a new volume by Mr. Frederic Harrison, entitled 'The Choice of Books, and Other Literary Pieces.' They are also issuing a popular edition of Mr. Francis Parkman's works in ten volumes—namely, 'Pioneers of France in the New World;' The Jesuits in North America;' La Salle and the Discovery of the Great West;' Parkman's 'Old Régime in Canada under Louis XIV.;' 'Count Frontenac and New France under Louis XIV.;' 'Montcalm and Wolfe,' two volumes; 'The Conspiracy of Pontiac,' two volumes; 'The Oregon Trail.' Hitherto Mr. Parkman's studies in history have been almost inaccessible to English readers.

Mr. Swinburne's work on Victor Hugo will be published by Messrs. Chatto & Windus. A correspondent of the Athenæum gives the interesting news that a copy of the suppressed Byron quarto is in the possession of Mr. Webb, of Newstead Abbey. It would seem to be one of the copies mentioned by Moore as positively existing, and again in the appendix to the English translation of Elze's 'Life of Byron,' where it is identified as the copy given to Pigot. Moore's copy, No. 2, was given to Becher. There is as yet no trace of the fate of the third copy.

Mr. James Augustus St. John is preparing a new edition of his work on 'The Manners, Customs, and Arts of Ancient Greece.' Messrs. Bentley & Son are the publishers.

The Paris Tribunal of Commerce, at the suit of Mme. Adam, editor of the Nouvelle Revue, has ordered the publisher, Dentu, to stop the sale of the book entitled 'La Société de Londres,' the judgment being that, though the work was issued prior to the sketches of the so-called Comte Paul Vassili, the latter had been announced first, and consequently had priority of title. It declined to grant damages, affirming that no loss had been proved. The defendant was ordered to pay the costs. The English publishers of Comte Vassili's work are Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.

Kingsley's celebrated 'Water Babies' is to be illustrated by Mr. Linley Sambourne. This volume should be very attractive. Messrs. Macmillan & Co. are the publishers.

'Plain Politics for the Working Classes,' collated with especial permission from the speeches and letters of Lord Randolph Churchill, is being arranged by Mr. Edward A. Arnold. The volume will be issued by Messrs. Bentley & Son.

The plot of Mr. Wilkie Collins's new novel, which has just been completed, appertains to the highly developed culture of the nineteenth century, with a flood of action from the depths of the lower strata of society. The story, in order to secure copyright, has been dramatised by the writer, and will first be presented to the public in its dramatic form.

It is expected that Mr. Leslie Stephen's 'Life of Henry Fawcett' will be ready for publication very shortly.

The late Dr. Veitch, of Edinburgh, was a scholar noted for his remorseless accuracy. The Spectator calls him 'The Scotch Porson.' It is said that a book more free from trifling errors than his on the Greek irregular verbs probably does not exist. He once said to a friend: 'For the second edition of my book I verified every reference in it; if a book like mine is not accurate it is not useless, Sir; it is positively mischievous.'

'The Proverbs of Wales' is the title of a book to be issued by Mr. T. R. Roberts, of Penmaenmawr. It will contain a large collection of Welsh proverbs, with English translations—the Welsh and English appearing on opposite pages. The proverbs are classified under various heads—about 150 in number—according to subject-matter.

History,' is being translated into English, and will eventually be issued by Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode.

Mr. Grant Allen has ready a one-volume story, 'For Maimie's Sake.' Miss Sarah Tytler's next venture in fiction is to be called Buried Diamonds.' Both works will be issued by Messrs. Chatto & Windus.

Messrs. Gill & Son, the well-known Dublin publishers, have, says a contemporary, 'set an example which, if followed, will soon settle all difficulty with reference to the nomenclature of the leading street' in the Irish They have just issued their metropolis. address as 50 Upper O'Connell Street, and all their books and publications will bear that address in future. 'If they can only find a few imitators in O'Connell Street,' adds our contemporary, 'people will, in a short time, only meet with Sackville Street in the directories of a bygone period.'

Lord Wolseley is revising the proofs of a book on the Life and Military Career of the Duke of Marlborough. Messrs. Bentley & Son are to be the publishers.

We are pleased to see the name of Mr. J. Russell Endean (formerly of Messrs. Kerby & Endean, Oxford Street) in the list of candidates for the London School Board, Marylebone division. Mr. Endean is a strenuous opponent of free education. We are certain that the election as members of those who possess a thorough knowledge of books and stationery would have an influence in economising expenditure in School Boards.

The first catalogue of English books printed in this country was issued by Andrew Maunsell in 1595: copies are naturally very rare. Mr. John Lawler is engaged in bringing out a reprint of this catalogue, with notes and comments on the various books mentioned in it. The reprint is to be published by Mr. Elliot Stock.

A new and revised edition of Mr. Kinlock Cooke's popular sixpenny 'Handy Book for Electors, a short and easy guide to what may be done, and must not be done, under the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act 1883—of which several thousand copies have been sold—will be issued immediately by Messrs. Griffith, Farran, Okeden, & Welsh.

Messrs. Wm. Clowes & Sons, Limited, will shortly publish 'The Law of Torts,' by Francis Taylor Piggott, M.A., LL.M., and, by the same author, 'Additional Notes and Recent Cases on Service out of the Jurisdiction,' being an appendix to his work on Foreign Judgments. Also an important collection of Admiralty cases, never before published, by Sir Wm. Burrell, who died in 1796. For permission to publish this volume, the editor (Reginald G. Marsden, Esq., of the Inner Temple) is indebted to the kindness of Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., in whose library at West Grinstead Park, Sussex, the originals were discovered. A work on 'Salvage,' by

M. Renan's new book, 'Studies in Religious | tical Instructions and Suggestions to Young Solicitors,' by H. Moore, Esq., a solicitor of fifty years' standing; a new edition of Wetherfield's 'County Court Statutes'; and a translation by Philip A. Ashworth, Esq., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, of 'The History of the English Constitution,' by Dr. Rudolph Gneist, Professor of Law at the University of Berlin, in two volumes, demy 8vo.

> Messrs. Suttaby's new Trade Catalogue has It is worthy of attention for been issued. various reasons, the contents embracing Bibles, Common Prayers, Church Services, Hymns Ancient and Modern, &c., in various leather bindings; also a list of other devotional and miscellaneous books. The catalogue is issued in a handsome form. As far as typography is concerned we do not think it has an equal. Seven diagrams of various kinds of leather goods are especially noteworthy for their effective appearance.

> M. Vambéry, acting on a suggestion made by several of his friends during his visit to this country in the spring, has prepared a Boy's Edition of his 'Life and Adventures,' which will be published this week by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin. It has undergone a thorough revision, all political and other matter which would possess but little interest to boys being eliminated, and it is further embellished by a new portrait and seventeen illustrations.

> The 'Amateur Angler' is far away in the recesses of the Rocky Mountains. He contributes a long and very interesting letter to last week's Fishing Gazette, which will be read with pleasure. It includes a description of the Great Yellowstone Park, where hot springs abound, and where, it has been said, the angler can eatch a trout, and, turning in his track, drop it into hot water and cook it there.

> Mr. Andrew Carnegie has presented the workmen at the Keystone Bridge Works, Pittsburg, of which establishment he is the principal stockholder, with a house and lot worth \$25,000 or \$30,000 to be used as a public library and meeting-place for the men, and a cash donation of \$1,000 towards buying books for the library. The gift was a complete surprise to the employés.

> Mr. Unwin will publish a new History of Holland and Belgium, under the title of 'A Short History of the Netherlands.' The author is Mr. Alexander Young, author of 'The Comic and Tragic Aspects of Life,' &c. It will contain nearly eighty illustrations.

It is now announced with authority that Messrs. Harper Bros. have concluded an arrangement with Mr. W. D. Howells by which all the new writings of that author-his novels, short stories, descriptive sketches, and dramatic pieces—will be exclusively at their disposal from the beginning of next year. Mr. Howells is also to contribute monthly to Harper's Magazine, beginning with the January number, an editorial department having a relation to literature corresponding to that Harry Newson, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; 'Prac- which the 'Editor's Easy Chair' has to society.

The new department will probably be styled 'The Editor's Study.' It will be purely literary in its character—not a review of books, but a discussion of literary topics suggested by the salient features of current literature in America and Europe.

'The Lives of Robert and Mary Moffat,' which appeared on October 1 has already reached a second edition, which has just been published by Mr. Unwin.

Messrs. E. S. Wigg & Son, of Adelaide, South Australia, have been appointed booksellers to the University of Adelaide.

When issued in book form Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' 'New Portfolio,' now appearing in the Atlantic Monthly, will have a new name—'A Mortal Antipathy.' Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. will publish the copyright edition of the book.

### MESSRS. GRIFFITH, FARRAN, & CO.'S NEW BOOKS.

The works which this firm have just issued to meet demands during the coming season of gifts and rewards have many recommendations to notice. They are not only elegant in appearance, but have every sign of that care, judgment, and fitness of literary treatment which are essential in the preparation of such books in this keenly competitive and exacting age. We have the pleasure to select a few for notice.

A Bunch of Berries and the Diversions Thereof, by Leader Scott, is a bright story for boys and girls. The Berries, of course, are a happy family, and the author tells of their sayings and doings, their adventures at the seaside, and the formation of the Berrie Scribbleological Club. It is a story that will give much innocent pleasure to children.

Queer Pets and their Doings, by Olive Thorne Miller, is full of entertaining stories of animals. The stories are told instructively, while at the same time they cannot fail to rivet the attention of young people. Numerous clever illustrations are supplied

by J. C. Beard.

Very graceful and delicately coloured pictures are shown in Little Chicks and Baby Tricks, and the rhymes are lively, and easy for little folk to remember. The book is a small 4to., attractively bound in pictured boards. We do not hesitate to say that it should be one of the best picture books of the season.

Both old and young people will be delighted with Child Pictures from Dickens, which comes forward with a novel and amusing design upon its cover, finely drawn and coloured by George Cruikshank. Who does not remember Dickens' children and the fascination of their presence? We have most of them before us in this volume, the cheerful as well as the sad—Little Nell, the Marchioness, Paul and Florence, the Fat Boy, Tiny Tim, Smike, and Oliver Twist. A remarkable company, truly! and the recollection of them will long be held in affection by the English people. 'Child Pictures from Dickens' should be in every home.

The boys' books issued by Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co. seem to be of the best order of this

class of literature.

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Master of His Fate is a Swedish story, by A. Blanche, translated by the Rev. M. R. Barnard, who has already proved a worthy exponent of Scandinavian writing. The present story abounds with incident, and is characterised by much healthy | Cruikshank, is the exquisite colour-printing from

The illustrations, which are very excitement. effective, are from the pencil of Mr. A. Foorde Hughes.

The Rev. H. C. Adams this year comes before his numerous admirers with Who was Philip? a tale of Public School Life. The story is of a very interesting and elevating nature, and is sure to be

a welcome gift to any schoolboy.

More stirring, perhaps, but not more true to life, is The Bring Deep, or, the Log of the 'Flying Cloud, by Captain Tom. This is a story of olden times in the merchant service, reviving many of those incidents of nautical life which never seem to pall upon the taste of the juvenile Briton. Storms. pirates, and sea dangers of other descriptions are graphically described in the log of the 'Flying Cloud.' Captain Tom's story is said to be taken from facts, fiction being introduced in the shape of anecdotes given at various times.

Another nautical book is The Cruise of the 'Theseus,' a yarn for boys, by Arthur Knight. Mr. Knight's book deals with exciting life on board a man-o'-war. It is full of adventure, cleverly described. The principal incidents are connected with slavers, fights of the Naval Brigade at Kandy, hunting scenes, and sea engagements during the

Russian War.

Heroic actions on land get a full share of attention in A Soldier Born, by J. Percy Grove, late of the 27th Foot. The story refers to the adventures of a subaltern of the 95th Regiment in the Crimea and Indian Mutiny. While giving a very faithful description of military life, Mr. Grove has also succeeded in producing a singularly interesting story, having the special recommendation of encouraging attention towards the actual history of the periods which he has chosen for description.

Hugh's Sacrifice, by Cecil Marryat Norris, is a capital story for boys. The illustrations are by Harry Furniss, and it is needless to say that that clever artist's facile and fanciful pencil has greatly

enlivened the pages of the book.

A pretty story of home life is Fearless Frank, or the Captain's Children, by Mary E. Gellie

(M.E.B.).

Through a Refiner's Fire, by Eleanor Holmes, is a story for grown-up people. The writer has already written a book 'In Time to Come.' The present story is well constructed, and forms pleasant reading.

In A Generous Friendship, or the Happenings of a New England Summer, we have a fascinating story of girl life. The story is thoughtfully and pleasantly told. Should the author be a novice, we would recommend practice for the development of what is a very agreeable style of writing.

Rosebuds and Promises is one of those dainty little text-books which are so numerous now-a-days. Every page is adorned with rosebuds, surrounding text promises carefully gleaned from Scripture.

Girlhood's Days, or Auld Lang Syne, is by the author of 'Chaucer's Stories Simply Told' &c. Readers will find it a pretty story, the charm of which lies in the fine simplicity of its language

and the thoughtfulness of its sentiment. A finely illustrated edition of Longfellow's Village Blacksmith calls for particular notice, The volume is a small quarto, of American origin, in which prominent lines of the great song-poem are selected for artistic embellishment by several clever masters of pencil work, the result being a lovely little book clearly and tastefully printed on fine paper.

The principal feature in the reproduction of Burns's Tam O'Shanter, illustrated by George the press of Messrs. Clay, Sons, & Taylor. The illustrations are very grotesque, fanciful, and characteristic.

In conclusion, we would notice the highly-acceptable series of Christmas Carols, which are issued by this firm. The Carols, which are specially intended for Children in Church, at Home, and in School, are written by Mrs. Hernaman, the music being by Mr. Alfred Redhead. They are very cheap.

### JUVENILE MAGAZINE VOLUMES.

The Boy's Own Annual is a portly and attractive volume, containing a year's issue of the 'Boy's Own Paper' (Religious Tract Society). Its pages abound with illustrations contributed by artists who have a high reputation in this country, including Mr. W. Ralston, Lieut.-Col. Seccombe, Mr. Allan Barraud, Mr. E. Whymper, and others. Numerous coloured illustrations are also given. Dealing with the literary matter, we observe names that are a strong guarantee for the sterling quality of the contributions. They are in many instances so equal that it would be unfair to single out any particular writer. The contents sheet speaks for itself. It includes a great abundance of materials skilfully woven into a form that will not fail to be acceptable to boys, we might almost say of any age. stories of adventures in strange lands form an important feature in the volume. A good selection is also shown in a series of papers on archæology—a subject, despite its hard name, which can be made specially interesting for young people. But instructive matter is seen in almost every page of the 'Boy's Own Annual.' The work is fully worthy of being recommended to the attention and support of all who wish to give a sensible and safe gift to deserving youngsters.

The Girl's Own Annual is a companion to the foregoing book, being the bound volume of the 'Girl's Own Paper' (Religious Tract Society). What strikes us, on looking over the pages of the volume, are the many evidences of careful editing which appear. The gathering of literary contributors and artists who have supplied the entertainment to be found in the volume form a very imposing array. Their works in other fields are very well known. The contents of the 'Girl's Own Annual,' as being especially adapted for girls, show a very judicious selection, lively without being trifling, sensible without being dreary. Musically, the book may be spoken of as containing some excellent 'pieces' and songs, besides many hints as to the performance of vocal and instrumental compositions. Cookery is not forgotten, neither is sewing, and some sensible directions are given regarding the choice of colours, cloth, &c., for The stories are of the most desirable nature for girls; and the illustrations, which are seen in nearly every page—besides the full coloured pages—are evidently chosen with artistic discrimination.

Young England (Office, 56 Old Bailey) supplies us with an excellent illustrated volume of recreation and instruction. The list of contributors includes some names that are by no means strange to 'oldsters' who have entered upon the active business of life. Mr. R. M. Ballantyne supplies a story, 'The Island Queen, or Dethroned by Fire and Water,' which will be read with the most absorbing interest by young people. Many short stories are given, but fiction by no means crowds out matter with a useful motive. A series of articles on 'Gardening' appears, likewise upon 'Half-Holiday Rambles in London,' 'Natural His-

tory Talks,' 'Reporting,' 'Our Public Schools,' &c. The volume, which contains about 570 pages, coloured plates and numerous woodcuts, is handsomely bound, and ought to be very popular.

The new volume of Harper's Young People (London, Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.) in the first place surprises us by its remarkable cheapness. There can be no doubt that with the publishers full value for the money is not a last consideration. The volume before us contains considérably over 800 pages. It is bound in a remarkably elegant, and at the same time an appropriate and durable style. The contents almost defy description through variety of subjects and numerical force. Continued stories, short stories, sketches, and anecdotes, are supplied with a liberal but careful editorial hand, while matter of more sensible import fills many pages, not drearily, but in such a way as to attract and hold the attention of the expanding minds of our young people. The airy sprightliness of the contributions is in itself a recommendation that should always maintain the deservedly high popularity of this periodical. When we turn over the pages we fancy that the illustrations occupy as much room as the letterpress, if not more, for they seem to have been supplied with an unsparing hand. Besides twelve full-page floral coloured plates, illustrating English Wild Flowers, there are other fifty-four full-page illustrations. The smaller illustrations are almost innumerable; we think the funny pictures are very clever. Taking everything into consideration, the volume of 'Harper's Young People,' there can be no doubt, will have a prosperous run this season.

## Sale Jottings.

On the 5th and following days of November Messrs. Sotheby will sell a large collection of miscellaneous books. Included in the catalogue are the following:—Pickering's 'Aldine Poets,' a set; Boccaccio's 'Decameron,' 5 vols., with plates by Eisen, including the series of 'estampes galantes;' Reid's 'Catalogue of Cruikshank's Works,' on large paper; Bell's 'British Poets,' 109 vols.; 'Biblia Latina,' a MS., on vellum, with miniatures; Boydell's 'Shakspeare Gallery,' and other scarce books.

On the same dates Messrs. Puttick & Simpson will be selling the library of the late H. Churchill, and other books. A set of the 'Annual Register' is included, besides the following:—Bewick's 'Birds,' largest paper; Polwhele's 'Devon;' Donovan's 'Natural History' Works; Westwood's 'Moths,' &c.

As has been previously announced, Messrs. Puttick & Simpson on the 18th, 19th, and 20th instant are to sell some very good theological works.

Mr. Stevens, of Covent Garden, will on the 6th instant sell by auction some rare scientific and other works. Among them are—'Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society;' 'Publications of the Arundel Society,' Wight's 'Icones Plantarum Indiæ Orientalis,' besides many scarce Oriental, illustrated, and botanical books, the library of the late Mr. J. S. Law, of Southgate. Messrs. Powell & Powell, Union Street, Bath, will on the 3rd instant sell 1,500 volumes of books. Sixpence must be sent for the catalogue.

The following are some sales which will take place during the next few days:—

Mr. Millar on the 4th, at 21 Old Bond Street, a library of books.

On the 6th and 7th, Mallam & Son, of Oxford, a valuable library; Messrs. Waterer & Son, Chertsey, books.

In December Mr. Brill, of Leiden, Holland, will sell the second part of the late Rev. Dr. Blour's library, also other theological books.

THE ELLIS SALE.—We can hardly pretend to give a full description of the contents of this catalogue, including as it does over 3,000 lots, chiefly of scarce and rare books. Among those more especially worthy of notice are the following:—'Æsop's Fables' in Spanish, 1520, illustrated, the earliest Spanish edition known. Under the heading of America, 289 lots are catalogued, including an extraordinary and unique collection of 468 pamphlets, books, &c., printed in America. 'Ars Memorativa' circa 1490, entirely unknown to bibliographers. 'Bartholomeo da li Sonnetti Isolario, '1485, 'one,' says Dr. Dibdin, 'of the rarest volumes of early Italian poetry.' Under the heading of 'Bible' are 39 lots, including some rare editions. 'Bidpai's Fables,' 1485, an early and rare German edition; Blomefield's 'Norfolk,' fine copy. The 'Sketch Book of William Blake' will attract perhaps the most attention of any particular lot in the sale, and will undoubtedly command a high price. sides the above a very large collection of books of Emblems, Gough's 'Sepulchral Monuments,' Dickens's 'Life of Grimaldi,' extra illustrated with 180 portraits; Gringoire, 'Heures de Nostre Dame, translatee en Francoys, 1525, only two other copies known. 'Hakluyt's Voyages, 1599-1600, with the original edition of the 'Voyage to Cadiz.' The Books of Hours, MS. and printed, though not very numerous, are of great beauty and rarity, and well worth a visit of inspection. Holbein's Bible, 1st edition, 1538, of great rarity. Mr. Turner's copy sold for £120. Chapman's 'Homer,' 1616; several rare editions of Horace Stanley's 'King Arthur,' 1634, perfect copy. Several scarce 'Lace Pattern' books are also to be sold, as well as 'Madrid Gallery,' 3 vols.; some rare maps; a curious collection of pieces relating to Miracles; Rabelais' Works, 3 vols. 4to, 1741. The 'Shakspeare' we have already noticed. Besides the few we have mentioned, there are plenty of 'gems' scattered through the catalogue, too many for us to even mention. We desire to express our gratification at the admirable manner in which the catalogue is compiled. The notes will render it worthy of preservation by the young or even experienced bookseller. do not think we should go far wrong in saying that it is to Mr. Ellis himself this result is The news of his retirement (through illness) has been learnt with much regret by the trade, and in their name and our own we wish him a long enjoyment of his well-earned rest.

### Trade Changes, &c.

One of the sufferers through the late disastrous fire in the Charterhouse Buildings was Mr. William G. Stoneham, the well-known bookseller. We are happy to say that Mr. Stoneham has in the meantime secured premises at Pear Tree Court, Farringdon Road, E.C., to which address communications may be addressed.

The Macclesfield Courier has changed hands. Mr. Slade one of its conductors has retired. The new firm is designated Claye, Brown, & Claye.

## Obituary.

Mr. Frederick Hansaurek.—Mr. Hansaurek (editor and chief owner of the Cincinnati Volksblatt) died recently at Paris. The deceased was known in this country as the author of 'Four Years among the Spanish Americans,' and the romance entitled 'Secret of the Andes.' Mr. Hansaurek was in his fifty-third year.

The death is announced of Professor Jonkbloet, the historian of Dutch literature. The deceased was in his sixty-eighth year. His principal works are a history of Middle Dutch poetry (three vols., 1851-54) and a history of Dutch literature (three vols., 1868-70). The latter work has been translated into German.

We have to record the death of Mr. R. H. Mason, author of the 'History of Norfolk.' A correspondent of the Athenaum thus writes of the deceased: 'Readers at the British Museum Library have doubtless recently missed from his daily attendance there Mr. Robert Hindry Mason. In the spring the keen east winds produced disease of the lungs, and after a lengthened illness death has ended his literary labours, leaving his important contribution to our county histories only half completed. The verdict pronounced on the first volume of his 'History of Norfolk' showed that, completed as it was begun, it would unquestionably take its place as the standard work on the subject. Only a fortnight before his death the fifth part appeared. He has fortunately left in the hands of his printers large and valuable materials, the collection of years, which will enable them to work out to completion, through the agency of a fitting successor, this great addition to our county annals. Mr. Mason had led a busy literary life as a journalist, having, among other numerous engagements, established, edited, and carried on from 1852 to 1854 the Greenwich and West Kent Observer; later he owned the Sunderland Times as well as the Sheffield Advertiser; and subsequently he was the proprietor of the London and Eton Gazette. As a man, the deceased was valued both for his intellectual ability and his kindly character, which made him firm and warm friends.

MISS JEAN L. WATSON.—We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Jean L. Watson,

author of 'Bygone Days in Our Village,' Round the Grange Farm,'&c. Miss Watson assisted Miss Sarah Tytler in compiling 'The Songstresses of Scotland,' and was recently engaged in preparing biographies of several notable Presbyterian worthies.

MR. HENRY W. SHAW.—This writer, universally known as 'Josh Billings,' died of apoplexy on October 14th, at Monterey, California. Mr. Shaw was a native of Lanesborough, Massachusetts, where he was born in 1818. Before he began, in 1863, to write humorous sketches for newspapers he was an auctioneer. The following particulars regarding his life have appeared in a contemporary:—'I well remember a long talk with Josh Billings after one of his lectures in Chicago. He told me the story of his life and how he became famous by accident. The solemn cynicism of his speech, broken by the quaint wit that seemed a protest against the sadness of his manner, strangely impressed me at the time. His early life was spent in a "country store," that school of rustic wit and humorous story to which so many Americans are indebted, and later on he settled in Troy, New York, as an auctioneer. He had a newspaper friend in New York city to whom he often sent short sketches for publication—ordinary articles, coherent and correctly spelled. His friend published them, but did not consider them worthy of payment. One day he sent him an essay (I think upon the mule) spelled phonetically, and signed "Josh Billings." It made a great hit with the public, and from that day his literary career began. He soon gave up his auction business, and devoted his time to writing. He told me most of his writing was done at odd times. Whenever a thought "struck" him, he would jot it down; then from a hundred such disjointed sentences he would sift and cull and correct until only five or six remained. It was this "boiling down," together with his wide knowledge of human nature, gained by hard knocks against the world, that gave his writings that pithy wisdom which was their real value and charm. The eccentric spelling formed a setting perfectly in consonance with their homely common sense, not gleaned from books, but from a daily observation equally within the reach of the wisest or most unlettered. His writing gave him a handsome income, and his quiet life and simple tastes allowed him to accumulate a moderate fortune.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Publishers' CIRCULAR.

Sir,—In the notice in your issue of the 15th instant of the late Mr. V. Brooks, you say 'perhaps the Gate Street business, which he himself erected.' As this may lead to some misconception I beg to state that not only the business but also the premises on the Gate Street site were erected by myself, the senior partner of Day & Son, in conjunction with my two brothers, and that the premises now belong to my brother-in-law. If you will kindly make this correction I shall feel obliged, and remain,

21A Berners Street, Yours faithfully, London, W. Oct. 26, 1885. W. DAY.

### Reviews, &c.

From Mr. J. W. Arrowsmith, Bristol.—It must be confessed that when we first saw the title, 'Too Fat—a Domestic Difficulty—by Luke Lovart, M.A.,' we imagined we had to deal with a scientific treatise somewhat after the fashion of Banting, Ebstein, and others, who at various times have proposed to relieve suffering humanity of too much flesh. But in this we speedily found our mistake. 'Too Fat' is the title of a short story, published in the shilling form now so familiar to readers, and having to do with the misfortunes of a husband oppressed with a wife whose sole fault apparently is her ever-increasing corpulence. This the foolish man takes so grievously to heart that he indulges in a series of speeches and actions that would at once consign him to the keeping of the nearest lunatic asylum were he in the rational world. The story is very smartly and amusingly written in places, but is constructed on far too flimsy and improbable a basis, and is altogether of too farcical a nature, we fear, to claim the reader's attention throughout. This we the more regret as with the author's evident ability for such work it should have been possible for him to write a really excellent humorous story. The will-making business in the present instance is especially funny, though here, as in other portions of the work, the effort of the writer is perhaps too apparent.

From the same.—Departing from his usual custom in connection with his well-known Bristol Library which has hitherto consisted exclusively of stories, Mr. Arrowsmith has issued in Vol. VII. of this series a number of sketches of American life and character, entitled 'Jonathan's Home,' by Alan Dale. He has, or should have, we think, no reason to regret the divergence. Mr. Dale's sketches are in every way excellent, and though we may not always be entirely at one with him we must at any rate admit, with very great willingness, the critical acumen and keenness of observation he has displayed in his task. More especially would we draw attention to his remarks on American girls and the way in which they are brought up—Miss Jonathan, after all, is no stronger minded than her English and French sisters, he thinks, and so think we; to his account of the extreme reverence which the Americans display for the fair sex—one of the most pleasing and refining features in their character; to the criticisms on Brother Jonathan's craze for titles, and his love of everything that is English—though, accused of this to his face, he would most probably indignantly deny it; to the author's observations on American theatres and plays, and the reception of English actors across the water. But, indeed, we might go on instancing these good things without end; the book is full of them. We can only conclude by quoting the remark of a 'thoughtful' Englishman which the author once heard. 'America,' he said, 'is a democratic country with aristocratic tendencies, and England is an aristocratic country with democratic tendencies.' The first part of this speech is very emphatically emphasised by a perusal of Mr. Dale's little book; of the truth of the latter the reader, more especially at the present time, can judge for himself.

From Messrs. Bailliere, Tindall, & Cox.—'New Remedies,' by Thomas M. Dolan, M.D., comprises a short account, in neat and handy form, of the more recent introductions into our Pharmacopæia. Instances of these may be mentioned in the now

familiar anæsthetic Cocaine, in Hazeline, which is | From Mr. L. N. Fowler.—The most noticeable prepared from the witch hazel; and in Cascara bark, a valuable agent in many forms of intestinal trouble. The majority of these new remedies come to us from America, where, as is well known, many drugs have for a long time been in use which are practically unknown in this country. The work, so far as we have been able to detect, has been prepared with great care, and should, for medical men and students, prove extremely useful.

From MM. Calmann-Lévy, Paris.— Souvenirs Diplomatiques,' par G. Rothan. M. Rothan has noted down his recollections of both Germany and Italy during the eventful years 1870 and 1871. In the volume before us he presents us with those which relate to Germany. We suppose that a second volume will contain the Italian memoranda. It appears that the author, who became minister of the French Government of Defence at the Italian Court, addressed a series of letters to the délégation at Tours. They were written of the author's own accord, with the sole object of being useful to his country. They had no official character, and were not even signed. These letters, a daily commentary on passing events, preceded by an introduction which sketches the course of circumstances which led to the Franco-German war, compose the volume now published by MM. Caimann-Lévy. Its interest is considerably increased by foot-notes, which are derived from various diplomatic sources.

From Mr. W. T. Comstock, New York.—Although outwardly plain and lacking some essential characteristics of a well-published book, this is internally a beautiful work, possessing exceptional interest, not only for architects, but also for students of Indian art workmanship and domestic life is 'Indian Domestic Architecture,' by Lockwood de Forest. Mr. De Forest's book contains an extensive series of photographs clearly reproduced by the heliotype process. So finely are the representations executed that the most minute details are brought out with remarkable distinctness. Four plates give examples of Hindu houses of the north-western part of the Bombay Presidency, while the remainder depict the 'Mahomedan influence in Rajaputana and Northern India, though the details and ornaments are decidedly Hindu.' For architects in this country the book ought to have a high value; indeed we think that few members of the profession who see the volume would not desire to possess it.

From Messrs. Dean & Son.—'The Paper Makers Directory of all Nations (1885-6), edited and compiled by S. Charles Phillips. This is eminently a useful publication. It embraces a list of 'every paper and pulp mill in the world.' After an examination of the work we find no reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement. With regard to the arrangement of the materials, the editor states that he has paid heed to suggestions which have been offered for its improvement. The result is in every way satisfactory. From the statistics furnished by Mr. Phillips, it is shown that the United States stands at the head of the list, numerically, of the world's paper mills, the total in that country being 1,122; Germany has 1,037; France, 512; Austria-Hungary, 378; and Great Britain, 287. The total for the world is 4,296. We are pleased to see that a difficult work of this description has been carried out so effectively; the result speaks well for the editorial supervision.

feature about 'Only Half a Hero,' by Alfred T Story, is the number of lovers that it contains. There are no fewer than three couples, all of whom progress quietly and gently to the matrimonial goal, and are finally married and settled as the curtain goes down. This is, no doubt, highly gratifying, but, from the reader's point of view it might have been desirable, we think, to import a little more difficulty into the matter, and a villain of a more decided stamp than at present exists. However, the story, which principally deals with incidents occurring during the Franco-German war, is pleasantly and, so far as style is concerned, attractively written; and to readers who are fond of pastoral love-making will doubtless prove highly agreeable.

From Messrs. Hurst & Blackett.—It is, unfortunately, a rare satisfaction in these days to be able to welcome books which carry so many evidences of careful and conscientious preparation as are seen in 'The Palace and the Hospital; or, Chronicles of Greenwich,' by the Rev. A. G. L'Estrange. The author's repute as a diligent and discerning searcher in the archives of old-time lore was previously well-established, as were also his powers of practical and entertaining arrangement. Mr. L'Estrange's literary position will be very much strengthened by the two pleasant volumes which are before us. The history of Greenwich is one of the most interesting local subjects that an historiographer could have selected for treatment. To arouse and maintain the reader's interest is a feat that requires, in such cases, a lighter and a more graceful touch than could be given by the heavy hand of the ordinary chronicler. We are at home with the bright, fascinating writing of Mr. L'Estrange, even at the opening sentences:—'Our story opens with the tramp of legions and the glitter of spears and helmets. The Romans are come, bringing light and civilisation to tribes gramy with ages of barbarism. Roads are made, and that by which they pass and repass between Rutupiæ and Londinium rises over a tract of bare trees, but bright with gorse and heather. Gaining the height, the soldier, footsore and weary, halls with joy the red-roofed city and the spreading plains and lagoons of Flavia Cæsariensis. As he looks down towards the future site of Greenwich. he does not see dome-capped towers and a palatial structure, but he may have caught & glimpse through the woods of the courts and low buildings of a Roman villa. The sight is delightful to him, but less pleasant to the long-haired, skin-clad, native, who paddles his canoe on the stream below." These sentences indicate the fine treatment which the author has given throughout to the chronicles of a most interesting place. The illustrations have never before been published. The frontispiece of the first volume is taken from a sketch by Wyngaerd, in the Bodleian Library. It shows the tilt-yard of the palace, and a part of the Friary. A vignette of the Friary Chapel is also from a sketch by Wyngaerd. The castle is from a picture by Hollar, of date 1631 or 1637. In the second volume the frontispiece is from a sketch by Jonas More, in the British Museum, dated 1662. Throughout, Mr. L'Estrange has carefully given his authorities, and the value of his book is greatly enhanced by numerous notes and an admirable index. We predict that 'The Palace and the Hospital' will stand high in the estimation of the public.

From Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, & Co.

A handsome small quarto volume has been issued under the title of the 'Orient Line Guide: chapters for Travellers by Sea and Land.' The book is profusely and finely illustrated, and contains besides a plentiful supply of maps of the many countries in which the celebrated 'Orient Line' of steamers have ports of call. The editorship is in good hands when it has been brought out under the supervision of the Rev. W. J. Loftie, author of 'A History of London.' Anyone who takes up the 'Orient Guide' will at once admit that it is as interesting as it could possibly be. Besides it may fairly be called a permanent work of reference. We are certain that the price can hardly cover the cost of production.

From Messrs. Macmillan & Co.—In one way the 'Sermons' of Mark Pattison are especially interesting. They were delivered for the most part many years ago at Oxford, when the University was first beginning to feel the changes worked upon it by an impatient and somewhat intolerant outside public. It was argued that the University had stood still, that she was no longer in conformity with the wishes and requirements of her supporters; that her teaching was old-fashioned and out of date, and completely at variance with the necessities of the age. With this view many of the sermons of the late Rector of Lincoln have to do—notably Nos. III., IV., and V.; and it is interesting to contrast the line of thought taken on that occasion with the prevalent opinion of the present day, when a still further advance towards radicalism in educational matters, and what may be termed the practical side of knowledge, has been made. Mark Pattison, as one of the old school, evidently felt very bitterly the concessions that had been made to public opinion; the fact that, instead of leading the van, the University was being reluctantly forced by the dictates of popular clamour. According to his reasoning, knowledge was to be cultivated for the sake of knowledge, not on account of its practical utility; this was the highest form of education, and it was this that the University, as a chief centre of learning, was called upon to give. That she had faults, he sorrowfully admitted—that she failed, indeed, to afford in the highest degree this most ideal form of education, he agreed; but that all knowledge should be hampered by the worldling's cui bono—what good will it do?—how much in the outside world will it fetch?—he indignantly repudiated. These sermons are particularly engrossing; and that they are distinguished by high scholarly treatment, lucidity of expression, and clear forcible reasoning, we need hardly say. The late Rector of Lincoln, it has been well observed, was a man of his day; and now that he has gone, it would be indeed difficult to say where the present generation shall find such another.

From Messrs. J. & R. Maxwell.—'Pike County Folk,' by E. H. Mott, consists of a collection of American stories supposed to be told at a village tavern, some of which are very amusing, but all participate in that flavouring of exaggeration which seems so essentially characteristic of this form of humour. None the less on this account, however, will they be grateful to a large body of readers. Probably, the most humorous stories are those of 'A Horticultural Experiment' and 'Panama and Keturah,' but all are of so even a nature that it is difficult to make a selection. Interwoven with the stories are a number of leading characters in the village, among which the Old Settler, a species of 'oldest inhabitant,'

the Squire, and the Sheriff, are the most noteworthy. All these engage in 'yarn-spinning' at their nightly gatherings, and in other ways, as frequently as not by their interruptions, help to enliven the proceedings. The work is illustrated by F. Opper.

From Messrs. G. Routledge & Sons.—'Men of the Reign' is a collection of memoirs of distinguished Englishmen who have died during the present reign. It is thus a complement to 'Men of the Time, which includes only notices of living persons. 'Men of the Reign' is a stout crown octavo, of more than 1,000 pages, containing, at a rough estimate, about 4,000 lives. According to the preface, 'sometimes we have given a liberal interpretation to our design and allowed it to include such persons of foreign birth as have really identified themselves with England.' On examining the work' we find an apt illustration in the name of J. J. Mechi, of the 'Magic Strop,' who was practically an Englishman. He receives a column and a half of notice, while Joseph Mazzini, who spent a good deal of time among us, but was essentially a foreigner, does not come within the scheme. Some of the memoirs contain amusing traits. It is recorded of Captain Basil Hall, in 'Men of the Reign,' that 'his habit of taking notes during dinner considerably surprised and rather annoyed Sir Walter Scott.'

From Messrs. Smith, Elder, & Co.—In 'English' Life in China, Major Knollys, of the Royal Artillery, has given us his experiences in the Far East, and very pleasant reading they are. With a charming style of writing, the Major combines the faculty of observing details and out-of-the-way incidents generally wanting in foreign descriptions supplied by those indefatigable 'globe trotters' who draw on their imagination for the larger portion of their 'facts' and on guide-books for the remainder. Major Knollys need scarcely tell us, as he does in his preface, that the statements contained in his book have been recorded on the spot, and taken down day by day in shorthand! Every page bears the impress of freshness and vivacity, and after wandering with the author through the streets of 'our farthest British out-post,' Hong Kong, and that 'model British Republic,' Shanghai, with the additional soupcon of interesting glimpses of life in Hankow and Foochow—it is with regret that we put aside this delightful volume. Gunner Tommy Atkins must enjoy life in Hong Kong, for the Major assures us that 'the precautions taken by the military combatant authorities are wisely minute and incessant, inasmuch as the conveyance of each soldier to China costs the Imperial Government about £100. The men are strictly prohibited stirring out of barracks between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. during the hot season; or if some emergency renders the despatch of a European orderly necessary, he is provided with an immense sun-parasol.' Here is Tommy's daily routine:—'At 5 A.M. he awakes with a soft punkah breeze fanning him. 5.15. Cup of cocoa and a biscuit brought to his bedside by a coolie. (N.B. A silver salver is dispensed with.) 5.30. The barber coolie shaves him, still in bed. 6. Bathing parade. 7.30. Breakfast, of which 3 lb. of beefsteak forms an invariable component. 8 to 11. Nothing whatever to do, and plenty to help him to do it—the everlasting coolies perform nearly all the cooking, sweeping, and cleaning-up in barracks. 11. A short spell of school and theoretical instruction in gunnery. After dinner unanimous repose on bamboo matting, as being cooler than a mattress. 5 P.M. One hour's easy gun-drill. 6 to 10. Sally forth to chaff the Chinese folk, try a trifle of 'samshu,' and practically ascertain that this potent rice spirit will prostrate with splitting headache the seasoned old soaker to whom a tumbler of brandy would be but as a glass of water.' Who would not be a soldier—in Hong Kong?

From Mr. William Stevens.—If love, all-abiding ever-enduring love, be the constant refrain of 'A Mad Love, and other Stories,' it must at least be admitted that it is sung to a never varying, agreeable tune. Judged from a critical standpoint, there is, no doubt, much in these stories that might be improved—errors of judgment, exaggeration, and constructive skill to be atoned for; but we are not disposed to be severe, and in the bright cheery tone that these stories possess are content. Indeed we believe them to be highly adapted for a wide circle of readers. So long as young people are romantic, which, we take it, will be to the end of time, so long will there be a vast number of people who will be interested in reading a love-story pure and simple, and without considering very much the probability of what they read; and here they are likely to be particularly well satisfied. Moreover, these stories are free from any vicious tendency, and this in itself is a matter deserving no light recommendation.

From Messrs. Ward, Lock, & Co.—Of 'Moxon's Miniature Poets' the issue of a very pretty and handy edition has just been begun by 'A Selection from the Works of William Wordsworth.' In every respect the production of the series promises to be highly creditable to the taste and workmanship of the book trade.

From Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co.-It is not often we have to chronicle so great a success in the world of fiction as that achieved by Miss Blanche Willis Howard in 'Aulnay Tower.' The story is of the slightest and may be somewhat common-place, mainly resting for its support on the gradually increasing love of a sensitive minded, high-souled French girl for one of the enemies of our country, in the person of a young German adjutant who, during the siege of Paris, is quartered at her uncle's chateau immediately outside the capital; but the infinite charm and pathos with which it is told more than counterbalance for any lack of originality in plot that may exist. Nor are there wanting many admirable touches of character throughout the work. Apart from the heroine, whose portrait is drawn with much refinement and delicacy of touch, the characters of Manette, her coquettish little maid, with her thorough Parisian love of gaiety and fondness for flirtation; of the Abbé de Navailles, dark and inscrutable, yet always so courteous and bland, apparently noticing nothing but yet taking everything in; of the courtly but selfish old marquis, completely lost in himself, whose leading string is his vanity, and pride his chief passion; all these are excellent portraitures depicted with rare fidelity and force of expression. The principal interest of the story, however, centres, as we have said, round the loves of Nathalie and von Nordenfels, and nothing could be more admirable than the manner in which these are described. If fault may be found, it is that the character of Nordenfels is somewhat vague and shadowy, after the fashion of lady novelists' heroes; but this we gladly forgive in the extra prominence that it gives to the heroine. We can safely say that for a long time we have not read a novel that has afforded us more pleasure.

## Magazines for Povember.

The new volume of the Magazine of Art opens auspiciously. 'The Cascade with the Watch Tower,' painted by Ruysdael, and reproduced in photogravure by the Berlin Photographic Company, is a splendid frontispiece. The subjects include 'Art in Egypt,' 'American Silver Work,' 'The Romance of Art: Sculptor and Bravo,' 'The Lower Medway,' 'A French Theatrical Museum,' 'Poems and Pictures: Ballade of Dead Actors' (powerfully executed: poem by W. E. Henley, design by Elihu Vedder), 'The Beginnings of the Royal Academy,' 'A Chapter on Chairs,' 'Reproductions of Pictures in the Brunswick Gallery,' 'Old Venice,' &c. It may be inferred from the promises of editor and publishers that the new volume of this magazine will find many supporters. The editor has issued a programme of the new volume commencing with the part just published. The monthly frontispieces will present a succession of pictures, showing the several processes employed in their production, such as photogravure, colour printing, wood engraving, chromolithography, photo-lithography, &c. Contributions will appear on 'Art in Egypt, Assyria, Persia, Greece, Phœnicia, and Byzantium,' by William Holmeden; 'The History of the Royal Academy,' by Harry V. Barnett; 'The Medway, the Tiber, the Seine, the St. John's River," and other streams remarkable for their picturesque beauty; 'Furniture in England,' by J. Hungerford Pollen. Beautiful as the previous volumes have been, the new one, judging from the present issue, bids fair to eclipse the old in attractiveness.

The Century (F. Warne & Co.) begins with a well illustrated and interesting account of 'A Photographer's Visit to Petra,' by Mr. Edward L. Following this is a graphically told Wilson. story of country life entitled 'A Cloud on the Mountain, by Mary Hallock Foote. In Living English Sculptors,' by Edmund Gosse, attention is chiefly paid to Joseph Edgar Boehm, whose statues of animals are so well known; to Thomas Brock, A.R.A., and Charles B. Birch, A.R.A., while a sculptor who until recently was comparatively unknown is mentioned in George Tinworth. Other artists who come in for recognition are E. Onslow Ford and Miss Henrietta Montalba, while in each case well executed illustrations of their art are appended. 'Danger Ahead' is the title of an article in which Mr. Lyman Abbott vigorously asserts, in a way that should delight the hearts of all Socialists, the rights of the working man. Other articles that call for attention are 'Typical Dogs-Setters,' by various writers, and a carefully prepared paper on 'The United Churches of the United States.' by Mr. Charles W. Shields. A new story is commenced in 'John Bodewin's Testimony,' by Mary Hallock Foote, and a further instalment is given of 'The Bostonians,' by Henry James. The number strikes us this month, both from an artistic and literary point of view, as being more than ordinarily attractive.

Cassell's Family Magazine (Cassell & Co.) as usual is replete with instructive and valuable information, imparted in popular and interesting form. Among articles which appear to us especially note worthy are 'The Early Home of Florence Nightingale,' a somewhat hackneyed subject it is true, but treated on the present occasion by Mr. Edward Bradbury in a very pleasant and agreeable manner. 'Remunerative Employment for Gentlewomen, and By-Paths of Commerce,' by the Rev. A. R. Buckland. In addition, the Family Doctor discusses with his usual clearness and force the subject of 'Needless'

Wear,' 'The Garden in November,' and other interesting subjects. The serial stories 'A Diamond in the Rough,' by Alice O'Hanlon, and 'My Namesake Marjorie,' by the author of 'Who is Sylvia?' continue their pleasant course, and the part is further strengthened by one or two excellent short stories.

That Good Words (Isbister & Co.) has in no way deteriorated from the days when Norman Macleod held the office of Editor is amply attested by the present number. An especially readable article is 'Chelsea Hospital and its Inhabitants,' by W. Sharp, but other carefully written papers may be noted in 'Fanaticism,' by the Rev. Harry Jones, 'How we find out the Earth's Weight,' by Professor A. H. Green, and 'Travellers' Snake Stories,' by Frederick Whymper. 'Two Years in Paris,' by R. Heath, may also be commended, and a sympathetic and in many respects peculiarly accurate notice of Mr. Brown's new work on 'John Bunyan, his Life, Times, and Work, is given by J. Allanson Picton, M.P. James Payn's graphically told novel 'The Luck of the Darrells' is now arriving at a conclusion which promises to give satisfaction to its numerous readers; and in other aspects—not least of which are the illustrations—the number is worthy of very high praise.

Those who desire to have good record of the proceedings of the recent Church Congress will find a full account in Church Bells (12 Southampton Street, W.C.). The other information is of the usual varied and appropriate character. This part contains some appreciative notices of the late Lord Shaftesbury.

An excellent little paper on Dora Greenwell appears in this month's Sunday at Home (Religious Tract Society). 'The Farm on the Downs,' by Annie Beale, is the beginning of what must be anticipated as a gracefully written story. Cross and the Crown,' chapters vi. and vii.; 'The Jews after the Dispersal,' 'Many Called, Few Chosen,' 'The Great Rest Giver,' 'In Omnibus Caritas,' are the other notable contributions. Wave,' however, may be specially spoken of as being a paper of high merit.

'With some Librettists' is a paper which will be welcomed by readers of the Cornhill Magazine (Smith, Elder, & Co.) and also by many of the numerous body of people who admire, or profess to admire, the features of the Modern 'Stage.' The paper is clever, satirical, and amusing. 'My Deserter' is a good bit of story-writing; and one of the most sensible as well as readable archæological sketches that we have seen is 'Ogbury Barrows.' 'Court Royal,' by the author of 'John Herring,' is brought up to the thirty-second chapter; and of Mr. Christie Murray's 'Rainbow Gold' we have the first three chapters of the sixth and concluding book.

A large circle of readers are beginning to flock to the Welcome (S. W. Partridge & Co.). The editing seems to be conducted with much discrimination, particularly with regard to the choice of matter suitable to the taste and requirements of the great body of home-loving people. 'Commercial Travellers: their Work and Families,' is a thoroughly good review of the now well-known book, 'Our Ambassadors of Commerce.' 'My Study Clock' is a very thoughtful little poem by Mr. S. W. Partridge.

Stepniak supplies the third part of his contribution, 'The Russian Storm Cloud,' in this month's Time (Swan Sonnenschein & Co.). 'The a notice of Mr. E. B. Nicholson's book, 'That Very Parochialisation of Scotland' is an article which | Mab,' by Grant Allen.

Fears,' and valuable hints are afforded on 'What to | shows a thorough acquaintance with a subject not The editor contributes an generally familiar. article on 'Women's Work and Women's Wages,' which is certainly a valuable aid to the elucidation 'The Real Countess of a difficult problem. Guiccioli' is an interesting appendage to Mr. Jeaffreson's excellent work, 'The Real Lord Byron.' The present instalment of 'Time' is admirable in every respect.

> As usual, Harper's Monthly Magazine (Sampson Low & Co) is principally remarkable for the high order of its illustrations and the varied and interesting character of its articles. The former embrace a beautiful engraving of Sir Edwin Landseer's well-known picture 'The Otter Hunt,' which has been engraved by V. Bernstrom and is here reproduced by permission of Henry Graves & Co. Among articles calling for especial notice are 'An Indian Journey,' by Lucy C. Lillie; 'The New York Stock Exchange, by R. Wheatley; 'Guatemala,' by P. Frenzeny; and 'The Defence of our Sea-Ports,' by Henry P. Wells. An exceedingly humorous story, 'The Singular Case of Mr. Samuel Spoonlin,' by F. Anstey, author of 'Vice-Versa,' is included in this part, and it further contains portions of the very interesting novels, 'Indian Summer,' by W. D. Howells, and 'East Angels,' by Constance Fenimore Woolson. These with poems and other papers make up an extremely attractive and fascinating number.

> Chief among the contents of the Sunday Magazine (Isbister & Co.) is an excellent paper on the late 'Dora Greenwell' by Professor W. G. Blaikie. Miss Greenwell will be remembered as an old contributor to this magazine, and the present notice is written with much sympathy and appreciation. Other readable papers, thoroughly in keeping with the well-known character of this magazine, are 'Christ in Life,' by the Bishop of Ripon; 'An Apostle of the South Seas,' by C. F. Gordon Cumming; 'The Facts That are To Be,' by Edward Garrett; and 'A People's Garden,' by Anne Beale. In the latter article some account is given of the public garden—not known to most people we imagine—that was opened at Stepney in 1882. 'Seen Facts and their Unseen Forces' is the title of a paper by T. Starr King. The serial stories, 'Love's Harvest,' by B. L. Farjeon, and 'A Happy Issue,' by Darley Dale, show signs of coming to a conclusion; and for this we are sure their readers will be sorry. We notice among the contents of 'Our Monthly Survey' a sympathetic reference to the late Lord Shaftesbury.

> In many respects one of the most noticeable features in Longman's Magazine (Longmans, Green, & Co.) is the paper on 'The Wesleys at Epworth,' by the Rev. J. H. Overton, which will be found highly readable and interesting. 'Wilson Barrett and his Work' is the title of a somewhat laudatory paper on this actor, by his friend, John Coleman. The author has used his subject as a peg upon which to hang up much pleasant gossip, and when he departs from his topic—as, to tell truth, he very often does—we readily forgive him in the chatty reminiscence or amusing story that he tells. The greater portion of the number is taken up with the continuation of the serial stories 'White Heather,' by William Black, and 'Aimée,' by the author of 'Christine North,' and both show no signs of fading interest; but mention should also be made of two poems, 'Waiting,' and 'Fairy Hill,' by D. V. Robertson and William Allingham respectively, and

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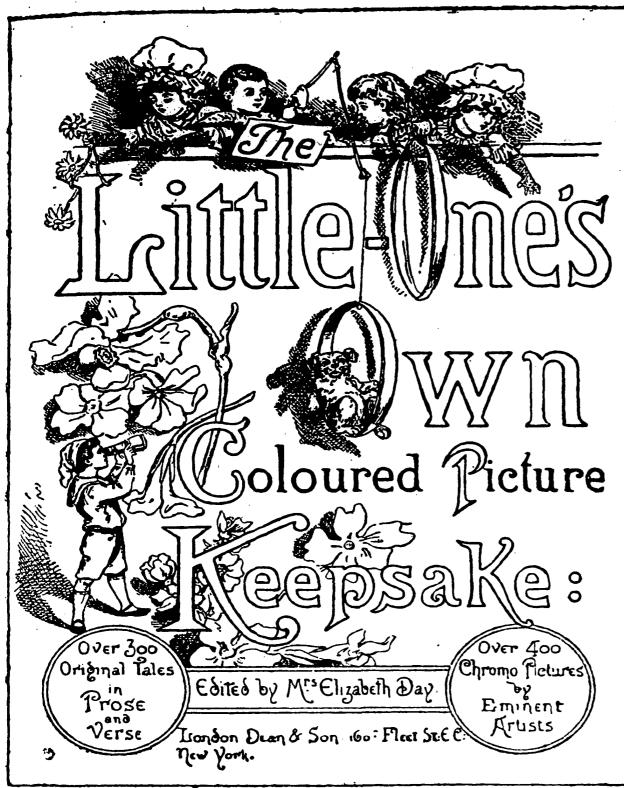
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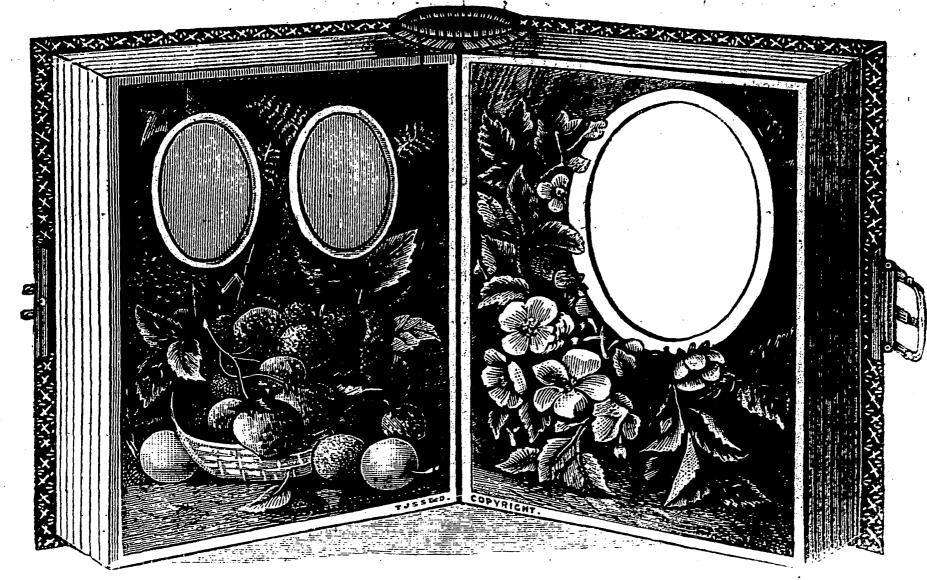
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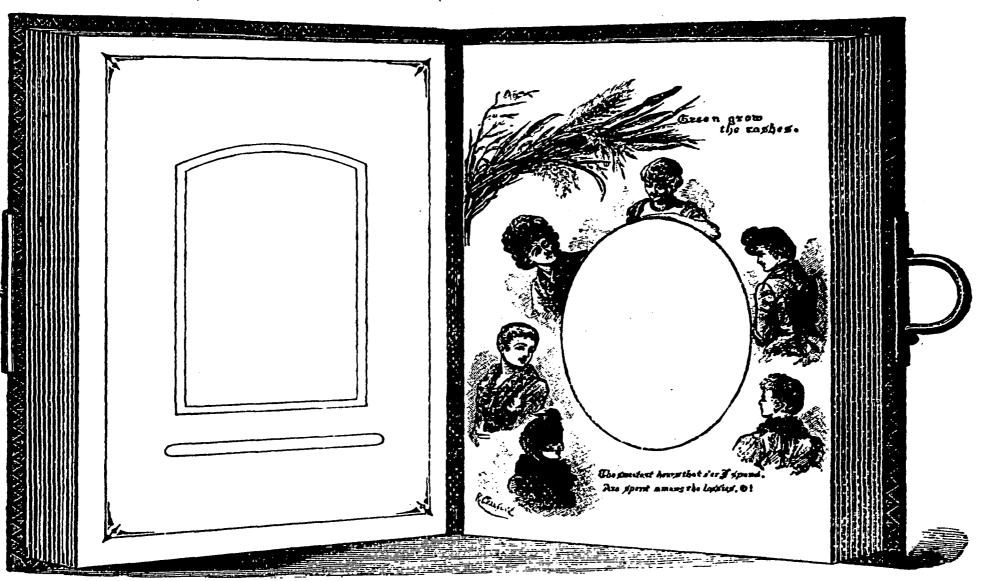
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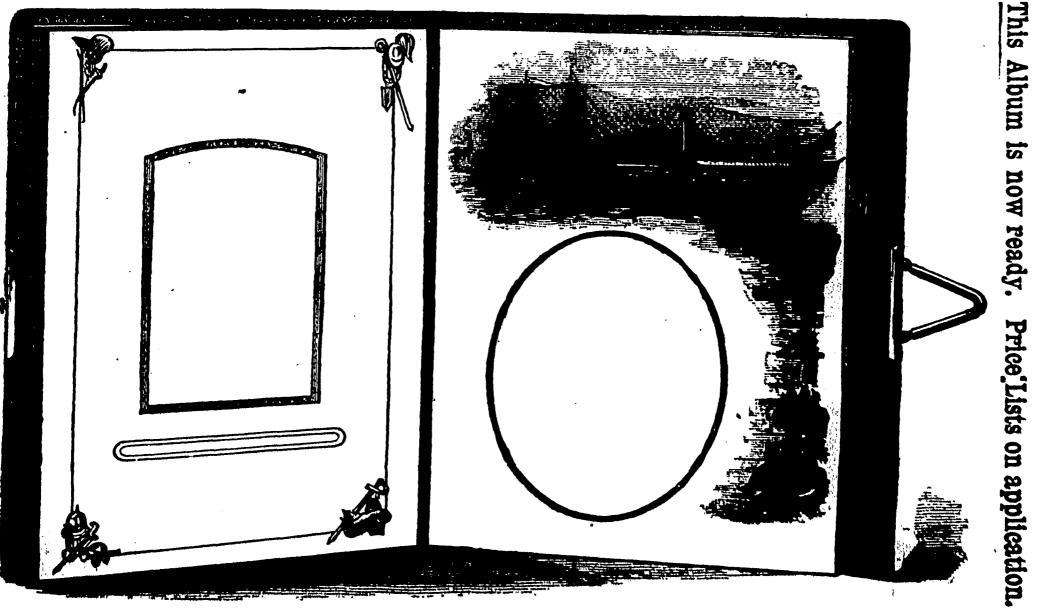
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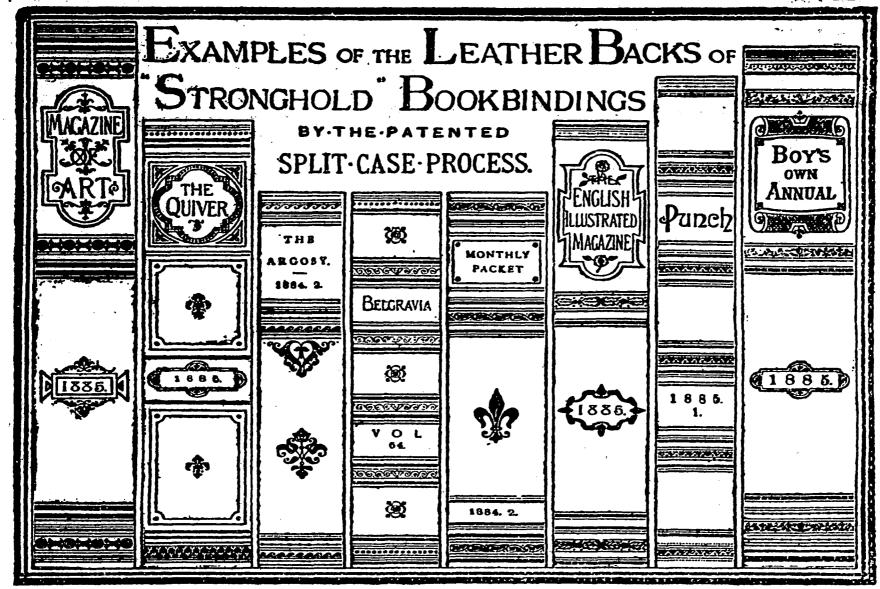
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