

suck the blood of the living; a species of South American bat.

P. 266. Substitute other expressions for: "Means of getting warmth," "had recourse to," "are accustomed to crawl," "solitary retreats," "mustered courage," "determining to content himself."

P. 267. Put suitable words instead of the following, making any necessary changes in the context: approach, crevice, suspected, creature, refuge, visible, descended, escarpment, polished, distinguish, vaulted, vision, grottoes, approachable, horizontal.

P. 268. Write short notes on the following sentences: "Some living thing—thin, rough, flat, cold, slimy—had twisted itself round his naked arm, in the dark depth below." "A second form—sharp, elongated, and narrow—issued out of the crevice, like a tongue out of monstrous jaws."

P. 269. What is meant by "Agony when at its height is mute"?

P. 271. "The mass sank to the bottom of the water. The monster was quite dead. Gilliatt closed his knife." State your opinion of these closing sentences.

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

*The Week* of April 19th contains the usual short, crisp editorials and interesting correspondence. Lives of "Eminent Canadians," which have recently appeared, have been well written and attractive. *The Week* deserves the cordial support of Canadians.

"SAN FRANCISCO Commerce" is the title of an article by Capt. Merry, President of the Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco, in the April *Overland*. Another important article is that on "Dairying in California," by the owner of the largest dairy farm in the world.

*THE Library Magazine* contains some two hundred pages of excellent reading matter, chiefly selected from the great English reviews and magazines. This magazine is greatly improved. Its contents are well selected, and the form, typography, etc., are neat and attractive.

THROUGH the courtesy of Dr. Irving Watson, Secretary of the American Public Health Association, we have received copies of the four Lomb Prize Essays. They are sanitary literature of a most valuable kind. Mr. Lomb, for 1888, offers two prizes of \$500 and \$200 respectively, for essays on Practical Sanitary and Economic Cooking, adapted to persons of moderate and small means.

*America*, the new Chicago magazine, sends out a good first number. It aims to be independent, patriotic and progressive. Among the contributors are Charles Dudley

Warner and Frank R. Stockton, the latter of whom contributes the first instalment of one of his inimitable stories. James Russell Lowell contributes a poem on "St. Michael the Weigher."

*THE Illustrated London News*, one of the best illustrated papers in the world, publishes in every number beautiful pictures on subjects of public interest. In the numbers for April 7th and 14th much attention is of course directed to events and incidents occurring at present in Germany. But the articles and news are always worth reading. Mr. Black's new story, "The Strange Adventures of a House-Boat," is another attractive feature.

*THE American Magazine* presents its readers with a genuine spring number, contributed to by Edgar Fawcett, Margaret Lawless, Julian Hawthorne and others. Several pretty poems appear, two of which are on "Mistress April," and "The Resurrection," respectively. A new serial story by Mary Agnes Tinckner is begun. The Medical Department, The Portfolio, Timely Topics, etc., add to the value of the magazine.

THE current number of the *English Illustrated Magazine* (Macmillan & Co.) is well up to its usual high average. The chief feature is perhaps Mr. Wright's article on "The Spanish Armada," with its curious illustrations. Two delightful series, "Coaching Days and Coaching Ways," and "Glimpses