

of life, dowered them with dangerous hereditary tendencies, surrounded them with tempting environment and from a situation which he thinks as perilous as can be found in "the downward moving fiction of manifold disorder," has wrested a moral victory.

"Summer in Arcady" has no trace of morbid repulsiveness, but the explanatory preface is not amiss. While the book may be of no benefit to some people, to others it will prove a mighty influence for good. Mr. Allen's work has always been distinguished for a certain delicate strength and forceful ease. In rare and exquisite coloring and delineation this miniature romance has few rivals in recent fiction.

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We understand that the Century Company are about to publish, in book form, Prof. W. H. Sloane's "Life of Napoleon," which has been running through their magazine for some time. It is intended to illustrate the work with numerous reproductions in color of the noted drawings by Myrbach that have appeared in black-and-white in the magazine, which, together with the numerous other illustrations and maps that have appeared from month to month will embellish a work which will be without doubt the most pretentious and elaborate history of the life of "the little corporal" that has ever been published in America.

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Tom Grogan. By F. Hopkinson Smith. Illustrated by Charles S. Reinhart. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The heroine of this stimulating story is welcomed as a peculiarly wholesome and altogether justifiable phase of the new woman. She not only possesses all the virtues of a magnificently constructed

man, but is further dowered with little extras in the way of tendernesses and refinements which we instinctively associate with the eternal feminine. This splendid creation of Mr. Smith's facile pen is the widow of one Thomas Grogan, stevedore and contractor, who was disabled in the performance of duty, and, finally, succumbed to injuries thus received. Ever since he had been hurt his brave wife personally conducted his work, signed his name to all documents, filled his contracts and ably accomplished the arduous task of supporting a dependent family. The story opens when Tom Grogan, as she is known in business and to all immediate associates, has been a widow seven years. We find her in the midst of successful business management, but greatly harassed by enemies who imagine themselves the victims of her success. Just how she triumphs over difficulties and maintains the fine integrity of her life, we leave for the discovery of those whose good fortune will allow them an early perusal of this uniquely interesting narrative.

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THE second edition of Clifford Smith's clever book of short stories, entitled, *A Lover in Homespun* (William Briggs, Toronto) will be ready shortly.

The work of this Canadian is finding much favor in the United States as well as in Canada, the American publications containing frequent contributions from his pen.

In the volume entitled, "A Lover in Homespun," Mr. Smith has compiled the best of his stories from the numerous publications to which he has contributed of late, and the collection makes most interesting reading. The success which the book has had may be estimated from the fact that the first edition, which was five months ago, is out of print.

