

favorite dish with Spanish Californians.  
—*New York Tribune.*

#### BOOK NOTICES.

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**STRAY LEAVES OF MUSIC.**—Oliver Ditton & Co., Boston, Mass., have sent as specimens of their month's work in issuing Songs and pieces for everybody an attractive collection, comprising:—Menetto. (Stray Leaves), (35 cents) pretty and quaint musical sketch by Brandeis. Beggar-Student March, (30 cents) arr. from Millöcker by Le Baron. Princess of the Canaries Gallop (30 cents) bright arrangement by Le Baron. No More, (40 cents,) song by Nicola Ferri. Tarry with me, O my Saviour, (35 cents,) beautiful Solo, Duet and

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#### DOUBLE WHITE BRAMBLE.

(*Rubus fruticosus pomponius.*)

Of the multitude of varieties that exist of the common Blackberry there are three only that can be recommended as ornamental garden plants, and these, owing to their spreading and picturesque growth, are particularly suitable for planting as isolated specimens on lawns. They consist of the double pink (*roseus fl.-pl.*) a kind which produces a profusion of small rosette-like flowers of a beautiful pink colour; the Parsley-leaved, or *laciniatus*, a well-known variety, with elegantly-cut foliage; and the double white. This variety is particularly beautiful, its flowers reminding one more of miniature clusters of *Aimée Vibert* Rose than of those of a Bramble. Its blossoms, being semi-double and pure white, contrast charmingly with the foliage, which is of a paler hue than that of other Brambles. Like others of its race, it thrives anywhere, and often in places where no other ornamental plants would grow. Trained against a wall it is a fine object, and its vigorous growth rapidly covers a large space. It is useful, too, for screens, but its proper position is on a lawn where it has free scope in which to develop itself in all directions. In such a position it soon makes a huge symmetrically shaped bush, which from early summer till late in autumn is covered with bloom. It thrives in any soil, but where it has its choice seems to prefer a light warm one. It has been long cultivated in gardens, and appears to have originally come from Italy.—*The Garden.*