

Periodicals.

The North American Review for February opens with two noteworthy articles on "The Anglo American Imbroglio," the first being from the pen of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and entitled, "The Venezuelan Difficulty," and the other by the Right Hon. James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," who graphically describes "The British Feeling" on this very important question. A paper on "Practical Politics" is contributed by the Governor of Massachusetts, and in "The Increased Production of Gold" Mr. Edward Atkinson predicts that the United States will take the lead in gold-producing countries, this coming year, thereby placing the national finances on a solid basis. A unique contribution is supplied by a statistician, Michael G. Mulhall, F.S.S., who asks, "Is the Human Race Deteriorating?" presenting in connection therewith some most interesting statistics. A timely symposium on the "Issues of Peace and War" is furnished by Capt. H. C. Taylor, U.S.N., and President of the Naval War College, who writes upon "The Study of War," the Right Rev. Wm. Croswell Doane, Bishop of Albany, who treats of the "Follies and Horrors of War," and by Mr. George Parsons Lathrop, who thoughtfully tells "How a War Begins." The second instalment of "The Future Life and the Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, is given in this number. Public interest in this contribution is assured.

The February number of Scribner's Magazine contains its usual quota of eminently readable articles. President Andrews' papers on the recent history of the U. S. A. will probably be concluded in one more number. His present article deals with such interesting matters as the Sackville-West incident in the Presidential campaign in 1888 and Cleveland's dunder, the Mafia in New Orleans, the McKinley bill, and the shipwreck of American and German warships in the storm at Samoa, when such friendly feeling was displayed by the crews to their more fortunate or more skilful English confrères. "Life in the Altitudes," sketches in climate, scenery, mode of life, etc., at Denver, Colorado, and Colorado Springs. The ascent of Mt. Ararat will excite special interest at the present time for the sidelight which is thrown on the Kurds and the natives generally. J. M. Barrie continues his new story, "Sentimental Tommy," which does not look as if it would detract from his deservedly high reputation, and other shorter pieces of fiction consist of "Sevillana"—an account of a bull-fight, "A Long Chase," by Owen Hall, and "Hopper's Old Man," by Robert Myers, all of which will repay perusal. We should also mention the article "Hunting Musk-Ox," by Frank Russell, which is illustrated by photographs taken by the author and which deals with a journey from Fort Rae on Great Slave Lake to Bathurst Inlet off the Arctic Ocean.

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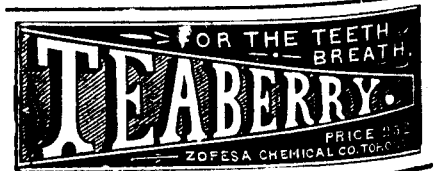
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