

Gladstone's Controversial Method," by Prof. Huxley. J. Jones Bell writes of "Ginseng in Commerce," and there is a sketch of the Prussian astronomer Argolander, with a portrait. The editor writes on "Science and Wealth," urging that some of the wealth which science has produced should be bequeathed to aid scientific research. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

A cablegram announces that Amelie Rives has sailed for the United States, where she will arrive soon after the appearance of her latest novel in the August number of the *Cosmopolitan*. After nearly two years of silence the new story of Miss Rives will be received with the greatest interest by those who enjoyed her earlier work. Married, travelled and in every way matured, her latest production is said to be worthy of the talent which gave such great promise.

Anent the baccarat scandal, Gen. Adam Badeau, of Grant's staff, who was afterwards Secretary of Legation in London, and saw much of the English aristocracy, writes an article on "Gambling in High Life." "The Dukeries," by Pelham Clinton, is another article which will please those who take an interest in the great country houses of England. Thomas A. Janvier, who is always delightful with his pen, gives a quaint sketch of the old ducal town of Uzès.

Worthington Co., 747 Broadway, New York, announce for immediate publication as No. 29 of their International Series, "Misjudged," a novel, by W. Heimburg, translated by Mrs. J. W. Davis.

We have received a copy of "Tourmaline's Time Cheques," from Sergel & Co., Chicago. It has already been reviewed in these columns.

In the *Atlantic Monthly* for July, which would have been noticed ere this but for the absence of the literary editor, Mrs. Catherwood begins what promises to be a very fascinating historical romance entitled "The Lady of Fort St. John." Mrs. Catherwood has written several times on incidents in Canadian history with great success, in fact her best work has been done in this line. This makes interesting reading for Canadians, and surely no land is richer in romantic history than our own. The heroic Marie de la Tour is the central figure of the story under notice. It is a wonder that this lady's story has not long ago been seized upon by writers. One point we observe Mrs. Catherwood is astray on. She writes: "Presently, with clatter of hoofs on the pavement, and a mighty rasping of the half tree which they dragged, in burst eight Sable Island ponies,—shaggy fellows, smaller than mastiffs, yet with large heads. The settlers were hastily cleared away for them, and they swept their lead to the hearth. As soon as their chain was unhooked these fairy horses shot out again, and their joyful neighing could be heard as they scampered around the fort to their stable." We are tolerably familiar with the general characteristics of Sable Island ponies, but we have never yet seen one anything like as small as a mastiff. Mrs. Catherwood must have been thinking of the Shetland pony, which is much smaller than the Sable Islander. Save for this inaccuracy, the instalment of the story is well worth reading, and all who take an interest in our wealth of historical romance ought to follow it up as it appears in the *Atlantic*. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 4 Park St., Boston; \$4 a year.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

PLANTING OYSTERS.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries purposes planting Shediac Harbor, as well as Summerside Harbor, with oysters, with a view of restoring the fisheries in these localities to their former productiveness. Mr. Richard Lunt, who has had considerable experience in oyster culture, was in Shediac a few days ago, at the request of the Fisheries Department, to inspect the old beds and report upon their condition for receiving oysters for breeding purposes. He informs us that the beds are in prime condition, and that excellent results may be expected from the venture. We hope to see the work proceeded with at once.—*Agriculturist*.

The plant for the electric light is being put in the building secured for the purpose in Digby. Very soon that town will be lighted with electricity.

The Misener mill at Edgar, Colchester North, N. S., is again running, Mr. Misener having made fresh purchases of logs which are being trucked to the mill.—*Canadian Lumberman*.

The new saw mill at Burlington, N. S., the property of Messrs. F. A. Clark & Sons, is doing a lively trade, considerable lumber being shipped to Boston.—*Canadian Lumberman*.

A PATENT WRENCH.—Messrs. J. Weir & Son, of Moncton, have secured the right of manufacture for the Dominion of a pipe wrench, which has been patented in the United States and Canada. The wrench is highly spoken of, and it is said can be manufactured a great deal more cheaply than any other pipe wrench on the market. The Messrs. Weir have already commenced the manufacture and are preparing to push the business extensively.—*Times*.

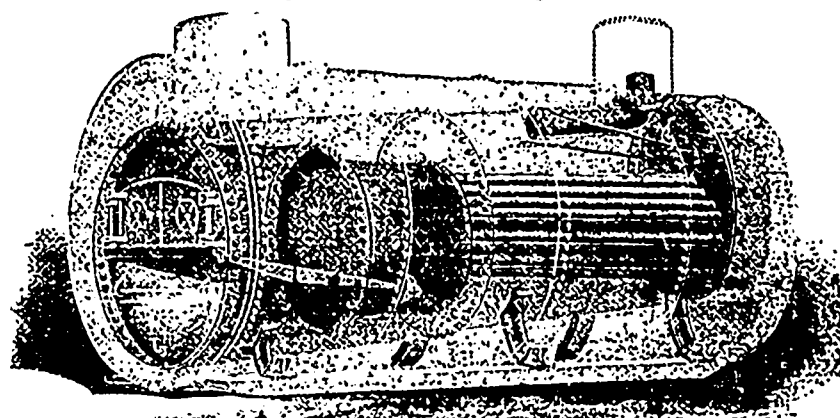
THE SPOOL WOOD BUSINESS.—Mr. Risteen, of Boston, has purchased two big blocks of birch land on the Miramichi—one at the Sugary and the other at the Bathurst road, near Connell's—and is negotiating for another block near the Douglastown quarries. His firm will build two or three mills for sawing either bolts or spools.—*Chatham World*.

An error occurred in our article on the Wilnot Spa Springs Company last week. It was with reference to corks. We stated that 100 gross a month are used, where should have said that since January \$2,500 has been paid for corks, and over 2,700 gross have been used since February 17th, which is an average of over 400 gross a month.

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