

SCIENTIFIC DAIRY FARMING, by Mr. W. H. Lynch, is a practical and most useful book which should be widely read. It is the project of years of time specially devoted to the subject, by one whose previous efforts were the test to fitness, as recognized by aid voted by the Canadian Parliament. The book is the sequence of other works by the same author, such as, "Scientific Butter Making," and "Butter and Cheese," and will form a "complete guide and directory for the farmer-dairymen of Canada—a source of practical instruction and business information in dairy matters."

THE CENTURY for December is a rich number. The articles on Henry Clay and his Home and French Sculpture are highly interesting. Lincoln's life has proved much more interesting than we thought it would be to Canadian readers, and many have found it highly attractive. The "Food Question in America and Europe," by Edward Atkinson, is a valuable contribution. This is a great subject, involving the greatest of human mundane interests. The paper is suggestive of great changes, and there is a promise of other papers on the "Science of Food." There is a sensible editorial on the "Eight-hour Working Day," the writer believing such day will come, but in a natural way, not by force.

St. Nicholas for December is full of most attractive Christmas charms, for people of all ages, indeed, as well as for young people. The illustrations are unique and undiscussible, if not inimitable. The "Story of a Squash," "A Scheming Old Santa Claus," and "The Woodcock and the Sparrow," are worth the price of the magazine, and these do not constitute a fourth of it. There is a new "Jack in the Pulpit"—a changed parson, for "this time only."

IN HARPER'S WEEKLY of December 18th is a most delightful double-page illustration, "Here's a jolly Christmas load" by F. S. Church, with a poem by Julie M. Shippman. Altogether, it is decidedly one of the best things of the season. That of the 25th is filled with pleasure-giving illustrations and reading matter. One of the best things in it is a combination of reading and illustration, "The Thought Reader of Angels," by Bret Harte. A sweet thing is a double-page illustration, "Santa Claus can't say that I've forgotten anything." The Serial story, by Walters Besant, "the World went very well then," which is being given in the weekly gives rise some thrilling illustrations.

HARPER'S BAZAR for Christmas comes out in an attractive cover, with much within to attract, too. A double page illustration,

The Seed of the Woman shall bruise the Head of the Serpent," is pretty and suggestive, and would be lovely but for the large central figure representing Satan. There are a Christmas Story, illustrated, "Susie Rollin's Christmas," by E. P. Roe, and an editorial, "Christmas for Children." The paper on "Women and Men" in this number refers to "School Inspection by Women." In it we learn that Mayor Grace, of New York, has appointed two women as members of the Board of Education in that city. One of these, Mrs. Mary Nash Agnew, is the wife of the eminent surgeon and oculist, Dr. Agnew, and is the mother of eight children. While the other, Miss Grace Dodge, is a granddaughter of the late William E. Dodge, a well known philanthropist. "The great majority of teachers are women, and in many schools the majority of pupils are girls. Questions constantly arise of discipline, of propriety, of sanitary regulation, on which their opinion is essential." "I have myself known great improprieties among unruly pupils and grievous sanitary evils to go unreported for a long time, simply from the inseparable unwillingness of young girls to discuss them with a committee-man or a superintendent perhaps not very much older than themselves. Had there been a woman to whom to report these troubles, the cases would have been soon settled."

THE CENTURY DICTIONARY of the English language is a projected work of which Professor William D. Whitney, of Yale College, is editor-in-chief. It is the purpose to make a more comprehensive work than has yet appeared in popular form, to include in addition to a very full collection of words in all departments of the language, all technical phrases, not self-explaining, in law, the sciences, mechanical arts, etc.

THE *British Medical Journal* under the able editorship of Mr. Ernest Hart, manifests much interest in preventive medicine. In a "retrospect and prospect" relating to the British Medical Association and the Journal, in the issue of Dec. 11 we find the following: "Of the Journal itself we need say but a few words; as certain figures which are referred to in another column indicate, and as the continual growth in the size, and severity in the sifting of contents, sufficiently testify the course of the *British Medical Journal* during the past year has been one of uninterrupted development. The circulation of the *Journal*, as now guaranteed, is phenomenal and without precedent, and implies that at least every other member of the profession actually subscribes for a copy." The average weekly issue is now 13,300 copies.