

A woman's criticism of the Woman's Congress by Frances H. Low in the *Nineteenth Century* is republished in the *Living Age* for September 23.

The *Bookman* for September contains three beautiful sea sonnets by Richard Hovey, in which the writer's words are worthy of his inspiration. "The Systematic Epigram" by Frank Moore Colby, is a sober criticism of the "sparkling" novel which at first dazzles and then tires the reader who goes through more than one in a year. The first part of "New York in Fiction" appears in this number. It is illustrated from photographs of scenes which are used in the stories of Ford, Townsend, Davis and Williams. Mr. Arthur Bartlett Maurice is the person who is investigating this interesting subject, and the result of his labors will appear in the *Bookman* for some time.

The seventh article in the series "Nature's Garden," is published in the September *Ladies' Home Journal*. The golden-rod, fringed gentian, and thistle are among the more familiar of the wild flowers pictured. The "Confessions of a Worrier," by Mary Boardman Page, appears in the place of the usual article by the editor. "The Social Side of the Trolley," and "The East Side Girl of New York" are among the interesting articles of the number.

The G. & C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass., have recently issued Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, an abridgement of the International dictionary, and the latest and fullest of the abridged series that contains the primary, common school, high school and academic. This dictionary is intended for the general reader and more especially for the college student. It is admirably adapted to the purpose for

which it is intended, being compact and easily handled, and while retaining everything that is required, except under extraordinary conditions, it is in this way brought within the means of students and other persons who desire accurate books of reference, although they cannot afford to do more than provide themselves with the most easily acquired instruments.

STORR'S LIFE OF QUICK.

Life and Remains of the Rev. F. H. Quick.
Edited by F. Storr. Macmillan.

Here is a book which no one who is interested in the course of education during the last thirty years can afford to neglect. Quick produced one educational classic, his "Educational Reformers," published in 1868. In this book he hit upon the device of connecting many of the most important educational truths with great persons, like Milton, Rousseau, Locke, Comenius, Pestalozzi. Thus he found opportunity for much entertaining biographical detail, and aroused interest in principles by starting with persons. Though Quick was intensely concerned with the practice as well as with the theory of teaching, yet his long and varied experience as a teacher would not be pronounced specially successful. But his failures as well as his successes were all made tributary to his thinking and to his writing, and in acuteness of observation and philosophical grasp he is excelled by few writers on education. He became, in fact, the central figure in a small circle of men who have accomplished the most for educational reform in England. From these men came the founders and supporters of the *Journal of Education*, that mirror of English educational thought and progress; and not the least influen-