that the dispensed-with lady is not dead, since in that case he would not have been able to marry her successor. This inglorious reference to the deceased wife's sister bill is evidently regarded by the author as a telling conclusion.

Mr. Julian Ralph contributes to the February number of The Book Buyer a review of Mr. Slason Thompson's "Life of Eugene Field." The article contains an agreeable account of Mr. Ralph's personal relations with Field.

The February Century contains, amongst other contributions of importance, a delightful story by

Albert Bigelow Paine, "The Don't Hurry Club," a humorous monologue by Beatrice Herford, called "The Book Agent"; "The Salon of the Princess Matilda," by Victor du Bled; "Browning in Venice," by Mrs. Bronson; and a short cortribution in verse of much beauty, written by Rennell Rodd, and entitled "I Shall Not Go as Others Do."

The Ladies' Home Journal for February contains the announcement of a new department on books and authors, which is to pronducted by Mr. Hamilton Wright Mabee.

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Eighty-one thousand policy-holders Total Assets, \$12,264,838.21

The Twentieth Annual Statement shows that the 1900 business brought . . . .

An Increase in Assets
An Increase in Income
An Increase in Surplus
and.
An Increase in Insurance in Force

## NET SURPLUS, \$1,187,617.68

Total Death Claims Paid since Organization, over \$48,000,000.00.