

## MAGAZINE AND BOOK REVIEWS.

In the June number of *Scribner's Magazine* are published chapters eleven to thirteen of the "Ship of Stars" by A. T. Quiller-Couch. By this time one can understand the boyhood of Taffy; it is a romance, and yet psychic enough to please the taste of the late nineteenth century. There is another chronicle of Aunt Minervy Ann by Joel Chandler Harris, and a couple of good short stories. The singular letters of Sidney Lanier are continued, giving the most vivid impression of the thoughts of a musician. Of a different kind and yet kindred at the same time are the letters of Robert Louis Stevenson-Davos 1880-1882.

Charles Emory Smith, Postmaster-General of the United States, explains the organization of the United States postal service in an article which appears in the May *Cosmopolitan*. Domestic science receives a good deal of attention in the same number. The Ideal and Practical Organization of a Home, by Van Buren Denslow; Fire Appliances and Science in the Modern Kitchen, by Anna Leach, being among the articles dealing with this subject. Larry McNoogan's Cow is a capital short story by Walter Barr, in which he illustrates incidentally pulls, lawyers and railways.

*Littell's Living Age* has been reproducing for some time from *Cornhill Magazine* The Fitchingham Letters, by Mrs. Fuller Maitland and Sir Frederick Pollock. A more charming survey of life and character is seldom found; it is one of the few new books that one would fear to lend.

"The Story of an Untold Love" was a little too intense, but "Janice Meredith," at present appearing in the *Bookman*, is a historical tale full of vigorous and agreeable people, not too introspective. It is odd how Mr.

Ford varies in the temper of his work. The May number of this magazine contains a review of the drama of the month by Norman Hapgood, and an interesting article on "The Opera Season of 1898-1899." The "Humor of the Romany Chi" is an article by Theodore Watts Dunton.

The *St. Nicholas* for June contains two interesting illustrated articles on "Mars, the Planet of Romance," by Mary Proctor, and "The Great Red Planet in the West," by Mabel Loomis Todd. "Quicksilver Sue" is a most entertaining serial, by Laura E. Richards, that is thoroughly healthy in tone. It is a splendid thing to point out to children sometimes that happiness is not in the abundance of things that one possesses. "Training for Boys," by Samuel Scoville, Jr., will be read with much pleasure and satisfaction by athletic youths who only want to know what they ought to do before they begin doing it.

The Span o' Life, a tale of Louisbourg and Quebec, by William McLennan and J. N. McIlwraith. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co.

This is a story of Scotland, England, and Canada, by two Canadians who are quite well enough known by previous work not to need any recommendation. The chief merit of the book lies in the simplicity and freshness with which the story is told and the various adventures in it outlined. It is a charm somewhat akin to the verse of the song from which the story takes its name, The Span o' Life's nae lang eneugh. The surprised reader feels that he might have been given a hint about the identity of Father Jean. One did not even suspect that there might be anything to tell about him. On the whole the characters of the women are more successfully portrayed than those of the men, especially