

write about things unconventional, do even that with a conventional air. One good thing about the book "Eleanor," is that its author appears in its pages to be travelling nearer to Christ.

A story of the American Revolution is "Alice of Old Vincennes," by Maurice Thompson, 419 pages 12 mo, with illustrations by F. C. Young, published by William Briggs, Toronto, and sold by Mr. Chapman for a dollar and a quarter. In 1778, Vincennes on the Wabash, in what is now the State of Indiana, was a French village, the chief man in which was Gaspard Roussillon, who had made money by trading with the Indians. He had a shrewish but not bad-hearted wife, and they adopted two children, Alice, an English and Protestant girl, and a hunchback boy, Jean, whose parents had been killed by savages. Alice was now grown up to womanhood, a capable, healthy and bewitching damsel. Other natives of Old Vincennes were Father Beret, the good old priest, who had evidently once been a fighter; young René de Rouville, in love with Alice; and Oncle Jazon, a humorous little trapper and hunter of Indians, who had survived scalping. When news of the revolution came to the village, Alice made an American flag for the fort, which plays an unnecessarily important part in the narrative. Then arrived Captain Helm and Lieutenant Beverley, to take command in name of Congress. Hardly had they made themselves at home, when a British force under Colonel Hamilton came down upon the post, and compelled them to surrender. It is necessary in an American story of the time, that British officers should be sottish and brutal, while the Americans are either brave and good-natured, though rough, or the pink of chivalry. Helm was the first and Beverley the second. All suffered more or less from British tyranny and brutality, but chiefly Beverley and Alice, who had fallen in love with each other. However, Father Beret and others hindered matters going to extremes. Irritated beyond endurance, Beverley renounced his parole, and took to the woods in defiance of all military etiquette. There he meets with other refugees; has strange and exciting adventures with Indians; and finally, when almost dead, falls