

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

of the greatest utility to clubs and organizations, as well as individual skaters.

One of the most sumptuous as well as deeply interesting publications to book lovers and art lovers that has yet been issued here is an edition of "The Life and Letters of Sir John Everett Millais." It appears in two volumes, with 319 illustrations, including nine photogravures, gilt-top, and boxed, retailing at \$9. The work is not only, in some respects, a survey of English art to-day as exemplified in Millais' own pictures, but it touches also upon many notabilities of the time.

In "The English in Africa," by Hon. David Mills, which will shortly be published by George N. Morang & Co., we find something a little more solid than some of the hurried literature on Africa, and especially South Africa, which is now to some extent flooding the market. Mr. Mills has had access to numerous sources of information and he has given much time and attention to the preparation of this volume. The result is that he has given us a work in which the various colonies of Britain in Africa, and the "spheres of influence" which she controls are comprehensively treated. We have the history of the Sudan and the occupation of Egypt; the colonization of East-Africa and the disputes with the Germans on the West. And, as a matter of course, the South African situation is treated in considerable detail. One thing that the author very clearly shows is that Britain cannot be charged with the selfish land-grabbing of which she has sometimes been accused. That the French, who are continually accusing us of this selfish aggrandizement, are themselves the greatest sinners in this respect, no one can deny, who makes himself acquainted with the facts given by the Minister of Justice in this treatise. The price will be \$1.50.

THE GAGE CO.'S NEW BOOKS. In "The White Terror" Mr. Gras paints with singular vividness the more familiar events of the French Revolution in Paris. The story of the heroine's protection, by humble friends, from factional hate and from the murderous Calisto, forms a romance extraordinary in its sympathetic quality and dramatic power. Her story and the tale of her friend Pascale's adventures in the Napoleonic wars make a romance which throbs with life and holds the reader tense with suspended interest. The enthusiastic reception given to this new romance is very gratifying to the publishers, W. J. Gage & Co. In paper 75c., and cloth at \$1.25. The publishers are to be complimented on the attractiveness of their edition which was pronounced by a large American publish-

ing house) to be one of the most tasty cover designs of the season. It was drawn and designed by Mr. F. Owen, and shows real artistic taste.

"The Lunatic at Large." The object of the book is to raise a laugh, and the author succeeds. A sane man is confined, through a plot against him, in a lunatic asylum. The sparkling dialogue, the funny situations, the frisky atmosphere, all tend to make the book enjoyable. In all, it makes one of the best bits of light reading for the year. We are informed by the publishers, W. J. Gage & Co., that they will be shortly going to press with the fourth (4th) edition, which speaks well for the popularity and selling quality of the book.

"The Crown of Life." Some authors are like wine, they improve with age (extract from a review by one of our leading papers), and Mr. Gissing is evidently one of this class. This is by all odds the best thing



he has produced. He has put good honest work into it and has produced a book of which very few, if any, of the living writers of fiction would have cause to be ashamed. The principal characters are not mere lay figures, but real men and women. W. J. Gage & Co. issue this novel, like so many of their other books, in the \$1 and 50c. editions, which are so easily handled by the bookseller. The work is sure to have a wide sale and many readers.

"The Vizier of the Two-horned Alexander," being Mr. Frank R. Stockton's latest addition to his already large list of successes, which his host of admirers will hail with pleasure. Mr. Reginald Birch's graceful illustrations, showing the vizier and his companions in costumes of the various lands and ages add much to the book's charm. Handsomely bound in paper at 50c. and cloth at \$1 by the Canadian publishers, W. J. Gage & Co.

"Terence." It is a relief to turn from the plethora of Scotch tales to a lively Irish story such as "Terence," by Mrs. B. M. Croker, who, by this, her latest book, adds

to her already high reputation as a writer of modern fiction. Both hero and heroine are very different from the stereotyped characters so common in fiction, and the other figures are well drawn. "Terence" is a decided novelty and one of the most entertaining novels of the year. W. J. Gage & Co. have just issued a Canadian edition, cloth \$1 and paper 50c., which is having a very large sale.

"Houses of Glass," written by Dr. James Algie, under the nom de plume of "Wallace Lloyd." Dr. Algie is a native of Canada, and this, his latest work, has received probably more complimentary notices than any book published for some time. We are pleased to hear that it is having a large and constantly-increasing sale, and the Canadian publishers, W. J. Gage & Co., will shortly find it necessary to go to press with the third (3rd) edition.

John Lovell & Son have three **LOVELL'S NEW BOOKS.** new publications. "Snow's Legal Compendium for 1900" is just out, and the general table of contents comprises a good deal of new matter. Especially may be mentioned: Annual Index Digest of all Canadian Decisions; Annual Digest, Canadian and English Practice Cases; Marriage and Divorce in Canada; Laws of Inheritance Taxes in all the Provinces; Article on the Notarial Profession in Quebec; Procedure for the Incorporation of Companies under the Dominion and Provincial Acts, by C. H. Masten, Esq., barrister, etc., Toronto. The book, which has a clear and detailed index, is handsomely bound; and the headings and sub headings of the various parts facilitate the ready finding of information.

"Lovell's Commercial Compendium for 1900," price \$3; 8vo., 635 pages, contains a mass of valuable information. The general table of contents contains the following: Summary of the Laws of all the Provinces; Bank Act, Annotated; Bills of Exchange, Annotated; Chartered Accountants; Commercial Law of Dominion; Commissioners for Taking Affidavits to be Used in the Various Provinces; Customs Tariff; Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies; Insurance Law of Canada; List of Banks and Branches; Notarial Profession in Province of Quebec; Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyrights; Private Bills of Procedure, Dominion Parliament; Procedure for the Formation of Companies Under Dominion and Provincial Acts; Succession Duty Acts of each of the Provinces of Canada (with preface). The type throughout is small but clear.

The annotated edition of the "Charter of the City of Montreal," by F. L. Snow, law librarian and Samuel Clay, advocate,