

## MAGAZINES RECEIVED.

"SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE."—Richard Harding Davis's "The Relief of Ladysmith" in the July *Scribner's* is probably the most brilliant piece of war correspondence since his famous story of the fight at Las Guasimas. He gives a vivid impression of the ways of living, the privations, suffering, and the constant danger in the besieged city, and of the fine spirit of endurance that enabled its defenders to hold out until the last. He shows, too, how difficult it was for the advancing column under General Buller to make its way through the surrounding hills that afforded the Boers an almost impregnable natural defence and describes the stirring scenes attending the entrance into the city of the relief column. The illustrations are from photographs in the city and of the country about. The first of the papers on "The Slave-trade in America," by John R. Spears, appears in this number. These will supply the first complete narrative dealing with the subject in all its aspects. Beginning with the conditions of life among the ignorant and superstitious blacks of the west coast of Africa, Mr. Spears tells of the inception and gradual development of the business of dealing in the lives of human beings, with its attendant brutality and general moral degradation. The entire narrative is based upon a careful study of actual contemporary records, both English and American. A remarkable series of illustrations by Walter Appleton Clark accompanies the text. Another article, by Thomas F. Millard, the correspondent who has been on the Boer side throughout the war, and who has made a careful study of their methods of fighting, deals with "The Boer as a Soldier." He points out with great clearness the Boers' methods in the field, and shows how the dominance of individualism in the ranks and a lack of willingness to yield the conduct of affairs to the proper leaders have caused a large percentage of their defeats and deprived them of many opportunities for taking advantage of British mistakes and reverses. Senator Hoar contributes an entertaining article on "Harvard College Fifty-eight Years Ago," dealing with college customs, classes, and many of the famous men who made up the university world of the old days. There are interesting personal reminiscences of Presidents Quincy, Everett, Walker, and of Professors Longfellow, Pierce, Channing, Judge Story, and others. A delightful sense of humor pervades the entire paper.

"THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL."—There is, perhaps, but a single place in America where almost all the newspapers of the United States are read. To the Exchange Bureau of *The Ladies' Home Journal* practically every paper comes—an aggregate of nearly 9,000. It is the rule to read each one within a day after it is received, so a large staff of trained readers is kept employed constantly. By this plan it is possible for the editors to keep in close touch with the reading public, and accurately informed as to the topics that are uppermost in the public mind in every section of the country. In this reading, such selections are made as may be of special immediate interest, as well as matter for future reference and notes that may serve as memoranda or suggest articles. Moreover, everything relating to the *Journal* is clipped and filed. Thousands of dollars a year are spent in this work alone, but Editor Bok regards it as a very profitable investment, as invaluable information is thus supplied that could be obtained in no other way.

## LITERARY NOTE.

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