

"Then tell me your name," said he.
 "Abasuerus Vitz Van Douzondorf," said I, gravely.
 "What?"
 "Abasuerus Vitz Van Douzondorf."
 "How in thunder do you spell it?"
 "I don't know."
 "Here, sir," said the commissioner, turning to the waiting captain, "this man ought to suit but for his confounded name."
 "That's all right," said the captain. "I'll take him."
 "I tell you I had peace and comfort on that voyage. Whenever the mate wanted me to do anything he would start on my name, break out swearing and tell another man to do the work."
 "I think they suspected something wrong about the name, but they never bowled me out."

BOOK GOSSIP.

The holiday number of the *St. Nicholas* has all the good qualities of the former Christmas numbers of the now combined magazines, *St. Nicholas* and *Wide Awake*. A gay cover first attracts the young reader, and on turning the pages over a host of good things appear. Rudyard Kipling has a capital story entitled "Toomai of the Elephants," which will fascinate all imaginative young people. Mark Twain has a bright instalment of his clever continued story, "Tom Sawyer Abroad." That wonder of the century, Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind child, has written a marvellous account of her impressions of the World's Fair, which, in connection with a beautiful portrait of the young girl herself, cannot fail to be of deep interest. There are many bright Christmas stories and Christmas rhymes, but perhaps among the poems of the number the palm should be awarded to our Canadian poet, Bliss Carman, for his melodious though whimsical ballad of the "House on the Bath." This excellent magazine is for sale by all book-sellers, and may also be obtained direct from the publishers, the Century Co., New York. The subscription price is \$3.00 a year.

Anyone who wishes to keep up with the times will do well to subscribe to that most interesting and instructive publication, the *Review of Reviews*. Every occurrence of note the world over is given careful attention, and a discriminating consensus of public opinion is supplied to the readers. Among the subjects dealt with in the December number are "Chicago and Judge Gary," "The Dispute in the Coal Trade," "The Personal Force of Mr. Cleveland," and a couple of articles on the disturbances in Africa. Published at 13 Astor Place, New York. Single number 25c.

"Sergeant Croesus," by the popular writer, Captain Chas. King, U.S.A., is the complete novel contained in Lippincott's for December. It is a stirring tale of army life in the Western States; the plot is full of life and movement. The characters are well and clearly drawn, and the personalities of Lieutenant Morgan and his sweet daughter, and of S—ch—ram are well wrought out. Two clever short stories, "When Hester Came," and "In the Camp of Philistia," are also to be found, as well as a number of articles on subjects of interest. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.

The Christmas number of *McClure's Magazine* is one of the most attractive of the season's magazines. An account by Mr. Arthur Warren of a visit to Archdeacon Farrar opens the number. Professor Henry Drummond relates the history of the founding and progress of the Boys' Brigade, an organization which is making a new earth for the street Arab and other untended or half-tended boys. The article of sharpest present interest, perhaps, is a discriminating and sympathetic study of the character and career of Governor William McKinley, by E. Jay Edwards. Charles A. Dana, the distinguished editor of the *New York Sun*, provides a particularly interesting travel sketch in some notes on a journey he lately made to Jerusalem. Nearly every article is copiously illustrated, but of special value are a group of portraits of Tennyson and his friends—among them Sir John Herschel, Browning, Charles Darwin, and Carlyle—reproduced from the famous negatives of Mrs. Julia Margaret Cameron. The last of the Sherlock Holmes stories by Conan Doyle, an Arkansas Christmas story by Octave Thanet, and a new story of the seen and unseen by Mrs. Oliphant, give special distinction to the action of the number. In the novel department of "Human Documents" portraits are given of the Honorable Whitelaw Reid, William T. Stead and Governor William McKinley, from boyhood to the present time.

The Contemporary Publishing Company, New York, have just issued, under the title of "My Arctic Journal," Mrs. Peary's narrative of her year's sojourn in the region of the Pole. Mrs. Peary is the first white woman who has dared the terrors of the far Northern Wilderness. Full of energy and courage, and endowed with those qualities which permit of habitation in all climes and association with all peoples, she has shown herself a worthy follower of the brave spirits whose names adorn the annals of Arctic exploration. The illustrations are photographic reproductions of the scenes witnessed by Lieut. Peary and his party. The price of the book is \$2.00.

"Anthony Kent" is the title of a story by Charles Stokes Wayne, which is published complete in the December number of "Tales From Town Topics." It is a highly interesting story of a strange love episode in the life of a young American in Europe, who, by becoming entangled with an adventures, brings endless misery upon himself. The descriptive scenes of Venice, Monte Carlo and Paris are exceptionally graphic, and as the characters are well drawn and the action of the story very brisk, this new novel is one that cannot fail to hold the attention to the end. Town Topics Publishing Co., 21 West 23rd street, New York City.

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