

Periodicals.

The names of David A. Wells, Herbert Spencer, and Cesare Lombroso on the cover of Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for April at once arrest attention. Mr. Wells in this number brings his account of "Taxation in Literature and History" down through the middle ages, and shows that squeezing the Jews was then the makeshift for a financial system with many European potentates. Mr. Spencer concludes his series of papers on "Professional Institutions" with a general review of the subject, calling attention to the necessity in past times of domination that now appears irksome to many and showing how useless are statutes that do not conform to the natural laws of society. Prof. Lombroso has written for the Monthly an account of "The Savage Origin of Tattooing," showing also its development among criminals. Pictures of the highly decorated bodies of three malefactors illustrate the text. As especially timely topics we note "The X Rays," on which Prof. John Trowbridge, of Harvard, has an illustrated article, and "War and Civilization," which is treated in a thoughtful and temperate vein by W. D. Le Suer, of Ottawa. Surgeon-General Sternberg contributes a splendid record of "The Practical Results of Bacteriological Researches." Other illustrated articles are "Tropical Fruit Trees," by Bertha F. Herrick, and "Quacks and the Reason of Them," by Dr. A. Cartaz. Prof. William Z. Ripley concludes his discussion of "Acclimatization," throwing further light upon the possibilities of colonizing tropical regions by the white race. Prof. W. R. Newbold in an interesting study of "Hypnotic States, Trance, and Ecstasy," shows the essential relationship of these conditions. The educational value of "The New Geography," which describes processes as well as their results, is pointed out by Alfred P. Brigham.

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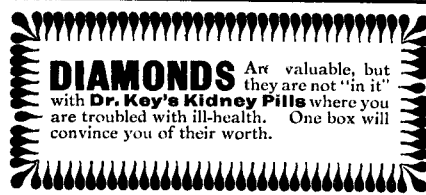
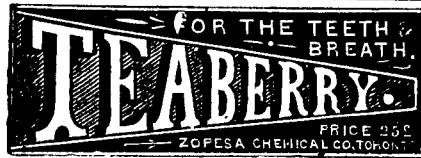
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