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Messrs Tait & Sons announce for immediate publication, "The Will: A College Story," by Mr. Rey Tillotson; "The Romance of Guardamonte," by Arline E. Davis; "A Pretty Bandit," by F. B. Millard; and "Out of a Silver Flute," a book of poems, by P. V. Mighels.

A romance is announced with the curious title, "The Courtship of Morrice Buckler, being a Record of the Growth of an English Gentleman during the Years 1685-1687, under Strange and Difficult Circumstances, written some while afterward in his own hand, and now edited by A. F. W. Mason."

Macmillan & Co. announce a volume of "Mathematical Papers," read at the International Mathematical Congress held in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893, and edited by the Committee of the Congress, E. Hasting Moore, Oscar Bolza, Heinrich Maschke and Henry S White.

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