

ing house. "The Strong Arm" is a sequel to "Tekla," and is a very interesting and entertaining story.

The remarkable sale of "David Harum" is still the talk of the booksellers. In the reports of sales of popular books given in The New York Bookman, this story stands first in almost every city, and far away the leader in the aggregate. It is said that the average daily sale in the United States is nearly 1,500 copies. The Appletons count it the best book they have yet had. Not since "Ben Hur" has there been such a sale for a story. In Canada, also, the book has found quick favor. Although it is little more than two months since Mr. Briggs placed the book on the market, he has already issued a fifth edition, making 12,000 copies in all. The Canadian publisher has been complimented on the way he has advertised "David Harum," but he has found that the best advertising agents of the book are the readers themselves, who seem not to tire of talking of it to their friends.

MONTREAL NEWS CO.

The Montreal News Co. report that "David Harum" has continued to lead in sales during the past month, closely followed by "The Black Douglas," by Crockett. McLennan's "Span O' Life" has had a most satisfactory sale, as has also "Mr. Dooley," by Dunne.

"Young Mistle," by Merri-man, which has proved such a wonderful success, is to be followed by Canadian editions of "Dross" and "Prisoners and Captors," by the same author, and it is anticipated that these latter will prove equally as popular as "Young Mistle."

The Montreal News Co. announce "The Prisoner of Zenda" in a handsome illustrated paper edition to be sold at 50c., being No. 4 of The People's Library, which will be followed by "The Manxman," by Hall Caine.

The new special edition for Canada of "Black and White," to retail at 15c., is now being supplied to the trade with full return privileges, and should meet with that success which this high-class publication deserves.

GAGE'S FICTION SERIES.

Among the announcements for May made by The W. J. Gage Co., Limited, are found three notable books, one of which,

"Dross," by Henry Seton Merriman, the well-known author of "The Sower," "With Edged Tools," "Roden's Corner," etc., bids fair to head the list of Canadian copyright novels for 1899. The sale is sure to be large, as it contains all the sparkling dialogue and engrossing plot for which Merriman has become famous. "Roden's Corner" is now leading book sales in England, a distinction which "The Sowers" achieved before it.

"An Atlantic Tragedy," by Clark Russell, is pronounced one of the most absorbing novels which Mr. Russell has yet written. The Gage Co. are publishing it in

this remarkable book will add much to Miss Dougall's already high reputation." While The London Daily Mail says "that she represents the high-water mark to which imaginative literature has yet reached in Canada."

"The Mandarin," by Carlton Dawe. This is a very clever tale of adventure in China. It is beautifully and appropriately illustrated, and, as a 50c. novel, should have a wide sale.

"By Berwen Banks," by the author of "The Welsh Singer," has gone to its fourth edition as a 6s. novel in England, and is selling very largely in the United States. It is another Canadian copyright novel by The W. J. Gage Co., Limited. One of the most artistic and attractive cover designs that we have seen is found upon "By Berwen Banks." We understand that it is their intention to run their 50 and 60c. paper novels in this cover, which is beautifully designed, and should certainly enhance the value to the booksellers of "Gage's Fiction Series."

Although but two months in the field as publishers of fiction, The W. J. Gage Co., Limited, are to be congratulated on their list of works by authors of world-wide renown. Such names as Henry Seton Merriman, W. D. Howells, Clark Russell and Miss Dougall stand for the best in current literature.

WAR ALBUM.

Black and White's "War Album," just published, is a series of photographic snap-shots taken by Mr. Rene Bull, the artist who accompanied the Egyptian army, under Lord Kitchener, to the Sudan. The snap-shots are a perfect pictorial record of the war.

AN EDUCATIONAL SERIES.

The fifth number of The Educational Review Supplementary Readings, being issued by Geo. U. Hay, contains some valuable contributions. There is an interesting description of the Acadians who made Nova Scotia their home from 1635 to 1755. W. J. Robertson contributes an authoritative account of the battle of Lundy's Lane. An account of the Pennfield colony Quaker Loyalists, who settled at Beaver Harbor, N.S., in 1783. Prof. Ganong contributes an interesting paper on the history of New Brunswick boundary lines and Mr. W. J. Wilson, of the Geological Survey of Canada, writes of the physiography of New Brunswick.



Specimen illustration from "A Dash for a Throne," by A. W. Marchmont.

paper at 60c. with six full page reproductions of oil paintings specially prepared for this story.

"The Jamiesons," by Mary E. Wilkins, which ran serially in The Ladies' Home Journal, is a very clever tale of New England life and should find a large circle of readers.

In reviewing books in our last issue we made special reference to the work of that clever Canadian lady, Miss Dougall, and are glad to note that a second edition of the "Mormon Prophet" has become necessary. The Bookman is of the opinion "that