

W. DEAN HOWELLS.

As a novelist, essayist and critic, W. D. Howells occupies a high place in the ranks of literarians in America, and the *Cosmopolitan* will henceforth receive the benefit of his labors, which Harper's has long enjoyed. His eminence he has won by conscientious and hard work. There are many who criticize Mr. Howells and the eminence to which he has attained, but undoubtedly he has attained a high and influential and enviable position in the world of letters.

Mr. John Brisben Walker, the proprietor of the *Cosmopolitan*, is responsible for the

ENGLISH LETTER.

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The first half of the month of May has found the English book trade very dull on account of depressing weather and foreign complications, but American buyers are now beginning to arrive and this stimulates trade.

In a lecture delivered by Mr. W. B. Blaikie to the Edinburgh branch of the British Typographia, on the subject of International Copyright, the lecturer noted that the Copyright Law passed in the United States Congress last July gave a blow to the British

printer's imprint undoubtedly of American typography, and even in his own office they had begun to print books from plates sent from America. Looked at in any way the prospect was rather dark. What, then, were they to do? It was no use looking to Government, either Whig or Tory. But they elected their own members of Parliament, and he would endeavour to make every member of Parliament undertake to insist on the same manufacturing clause that the Americans had passed, as a necessity for copyright for an American book until the Americans rescinded their clause.

The latest menu and guest cards issued by Mr. J. Taylor Foot are extremely beautiful, being exact copies of some of the best known orchids and other flowers, also more simple varieties such as lettuce, pea pod, wheat ear, and a host of others. These are excellent goods and the coloring is really artistic.

Messrs. Tuck & Sons have issued 100,000 copies of their fac-simile of the Queen's letter to the Nation. The work is highly artistic and original in every sense.

The latest pen manufactured by Macurion & Cameron of the Waverly Works Edinburgh is the Claymore pen, round at the point and said to be very lasting.

The attention of dealers is directed to the advertisement of C. M. Taylor & Co. in this issue. They have a number of lines which cannot be procured elsewhere, while their line of Japanese goods is varied and extensive.

Mr. B. Marcuse, of Montreal, has returned from Europe, and announces some new specialties for the trade. Mr. Marcuse deals very extensively in Japanese goods, comprising art, pottery, and porcelain, antimony curios, silk goods, fans, lanterns, and many other articles from these distant manufacturers. He is also carrying a very beautiful class of fancy goods, and maintain his reputation for carrying good lines of flat cards, folding cards, box novelties and booklets. In fact the varieties are numerous and choice, and well worthy of the attention of dealers.

Messrs. Geo. H. Evans & Co., 13 Wellington St. E., Toronto, have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. F. Tasker & Co., who were wholesale dealers in European and American fancy goods, novelties, etc. They handle a large line of specialties, being sole agents for Canada for The Art Lithographic Publishing Co., N.Y.; The Scientific Cutlery Co., Freemont, Ohio, and Meteorite Manufacturing Co., St. Etienne, France.

Roswell Smith, the late President of The Century Co., is the subject of a number of contributions to the *June Century*. There is a frontispiece portrait, a poem by Edmund Gosse, a biographical sketch by the Rev. Dr. Gladden, an editorial in "Topics of the Time," with brief statements of Mr. Smith's connection with the Tract Society, the Congregational Club, and Berea College, Kentucky. The leading illustrated article of this number is by Dr. Albert Shaw, whose timely and interesting papers in other numbers on modern municipal governments will be remembered. In this paper he describes the rise of a new metropolis—"Budapest." The paper is brightly and profusely illustrated by Joseph Pennell.



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The new Editor of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

leading position that magazine holds to-day with a bona fide circulation of 105,000. Edward Everett Hale is another leading writer in the *Cosmopolitan*. A trio of this worth cannot fail to extend the influence of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

Isaac Greisman, an Austrian news-dealer and tobacconist at 182½ Queen street west, Toronto, was fined \$3 and costs for exhibiting the *Police Gazette* in his window.

compositor by insisting that copyright should only be granted to books set from type in the United States. The question was how far this would hurt them. He had been told confidentially by a celebrated journalist that four of the largest London Publishers were already sending a considerable number of books to be printed in America, and he believed that the practice would grow. Lately he had seen many London books without