

ten, and as the children seem to appreciate them the stories were collected in the present volume. The butterflies and snails and ants, the beetles and the grasshoppers are all treated as persons and the stories of their troubles are useful and amusing. The book is tastefully bound in gold and grey, and is a delightful gift volume.

#### NEWS OF THE TRADE.

**A**LDERMAN RUTTER, of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, has been elected a director of The Toronto Globe, replacing Mr. Joseph Tait, ex-M.P.P., who was appointed to a position in Osgoode Hall. Alderman Rutter is also a member of the Executive Board of The Globe.

L. P. Robins has succeeded O. H. Garner in the book and stationery business at Welland.

The stock of P. A. Brooking, of Aylmer, Ont., has been bought by Mr. Brooking at 30c. on the dollar.

Coughlin & Co., Arthur, Ont., dealers in books, stationery and drugs, have dissolved and F. J. Smith continues the business.

J. McClure has sold out his book and stationery business at Paisley, Ont., to J. M. Hargreaves, druggist, of that place.

Frank P. Birley, of the Dominion Paper Box Co., Toronto, died Nov. 2. Deceased was well known in Toronto, having been in business for upwards of 15 years, and he, with Alfred Jephcott, founded the Dominion Paper Box Co. He was born in England in 1853, came to Canada and settled in Toronto when a young man.

#### NEW BOSTON BOOKS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. issue on Wednesday, November 10, Fiske's "Critical Period of American History, 1783-1789," in the illustrated edition, with about 170 portraits, maps, facsimiles, contemporary views, prints and other historical materials; the same author's "Old Virginia and Her Neighbors," in two volumes, a book next in sequence to his "Discovery of America;" the holiday edition of Thoreau's "Walden," in two volumes, with introduction by Bradford Torrey and 30 full-page engraving illustrations; F. Hopkinson's "Gondola Days" and "The Complete Poetical and Prose Works of Thomas Bailey Aldrich," of which the publication was postponed from October 30; Madame Darmesteter's "Life of Ernest Renan;" Charles Egbert Craddock's "The Juggler;" and "Seven Puzzling Bible Books," by Washington Gladen, will be issued on the same date.

#### GOOD PAPER MUST BE USED.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the choice of paper upon which records of importance are transcribed. Cheap paper very soon rots and falls to pieces. Wood pulp enters largely into the composition of paper nowadays, and it is peculiarly susceptible to atmospheric conditions. All records and legal documents that are to be preserved for the coming generations should be written or printed upon material that it has been proved will stand the test of time. The experience of foreign governments in this direction is interesting.

Germany is very much stirred up over the discovery that during the last quarter of a century many of the documents which tell of the greatness of the Fatherland have been threatened with complete destruction, owing to the bad quality of the paper upon which they were written. Ten years ago Denmark found that its records were incurring a like fate, while in Italy the records of the young kingdom were actually falling to pieces. The poor quality of modern paper is the alleged cause for this decay. A learned German professor has been analyzing the paper used in something like a hundred scientific reviews, and has found that only six of them could be guaranteed to last for a long time.

#### APPLETON'S PUBLICATIONS.

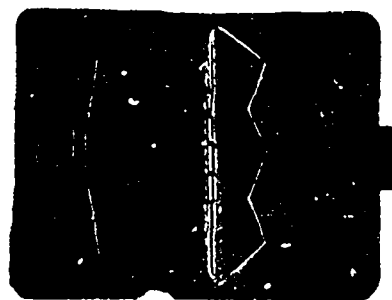
D. Appleton & Co. will shortly publish, under the title of "A Summer Journey," a book of travels by the late Charles A. Dana. It will contain accounts of a recent trip through Russia and the Caucasus. They will publish in the fall of 1898 a biography of Mr. Dana, which will include, besides many important letters, the chapters of war reminiscences which are to appear serially in McClure's. Some additional announcements of books to be published shortly by this house include "Baboo Hurry Bungsho Jabberjee, B.A.," an irresistibly amusing picture of the educated Baboo in England, by F. Austey, author of "Vice Versa;" "English Literature," by Edmund Gosse; "The Freedom of Henry Meredyll," by M. Hamilton; "Sweethearts and Friends," by Maxwell Gray; a new edition in colors of F. M. Chapman's "Bird-Life," with seventy-five facsimile colored plates; a new edition of "City Government in the United States," by Alfred R. Conkling, with a chapter on the Greater New York Charter; and a new uniform edition of Gilbert Parker's novels, "The Trespasser," "The Translation of a Savage," "The Trail of the Sword" and "Mrs. Falchion."

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