

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The January *Cosmopolitan* presents an attractive new serial by Conan Doyle. Its name is "Uncle Bernac," and the hero to whom the uncle belongs lands upon the shore of France in darkness and mystery. There is also a timely article on "Mascagni and His New Opera," by Alma Dalma.

Scribner's Magazine in its January number begins a series of illustrations entitled "Scenes from Great Novels," thereby deserving much gratitude from those of us who keep a corner for other reading than wet print. The first is from "David Copperfield," and is by L. Reven-Hill, engraved by Florian. This number cannot be done justice to in a short notice. Such a short story as "Story of a Second Mate," nor such a re-visiting as "Thackeray's Haunts and Homes," we are not often given.

Mary E. Wilkins has "A Quilting Bee in Our Village," in the February *Ladies' Home Journal*. "The Burglar," conducted by Herbert D. Ward, is still moving Paradise in ways heard of before, but most interesting at the same time. There is an account of the famous Mrs. Rorer, which will be read with pleasure by many.

In the *Sunday School Times* for Jan. 23rd will be found an interesting paper on the "Harmony of the Old Testament," by Matthew Newkirk, D.D. Wilma Jacobs Brown writes of "Child Life in Mexico," and on the editorial page appears "The Interest of Jesus in Common Things."

The new literary departments in *Littell's Living Age* have proved most successful, especially the extracts from the books of the month.

"Danny and the Major" is the name of a charming story of child life among soldiers. It will be found in the January *St. Nicholas*, along with other stores of good things. Few serials have the color and life of John Bennett's "Master Skylark," and "June's Garden" is an admirable counterpart for girls.

"The Chronicles of Kartdale," "Our Jeams," edited by J. Murdoch Henderson, has recently been issued by William Drysdale & Co., of Montreal. It is a pleasant Scotch story which will find its way to many hearts, and is a renewed evidence of the power of the Scotch revival.

From the American Book Co., of New York, we have received "The Story of the Romans," by H. A. Guerber, a book well adapted for supplementary reading in history. Also "Immensee," by Theodor Storm, a pleasing German story, edited for school use, by F. A. Dauer. The same firm have recently published a "Handbook of Greek and Roman History," by Georges Castegnier, B.S., B.L.; Racine's "Iphigénie," edited by B. W. Woodward, of Columbia University, also an "Elementary Meteorology for High Schools and Colleges," by Frank Waldo, Ph.D. This textbook opens a new field for study for secondary schools, one which will doubtless prove beneficial in its effects.

We have received from Macmillan & Co., London, through their Toronto agents, The Copp, Clark Co., "Reynold's Hygiene for Beginners," a book which will be welcomed by all those who have used his primer, and an edition of "Steele's Essays from the Tatler," prepared for the