

"The Great K. & A. Train Robbery," and is by Paul Leicester Ford, there are several short stories, among which might be mentioned "Golden Rod and Asters," by Neith Boyce. For some time the *Lippincott* has been favouring an extremely condensed form of poetry, which doubtless has its advantages like every other form of literature under the sun; but it may be questioned if the talent and skill of an artist is not squandered in such efforts; the effect after all is so slight, the feeling of disappointment is so strong, when Miss Thomas, who wrote "Tell Me Is There Sovereign Cure," measures four short lines uncrowded with thought.

*Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* for August opens with an article on the "Proposed Dual Organization of Mankind," by Prof. William G. Sumner, which is a valuable contribution to the furtherance of the proper relationship of the nations of the world. This is followed by an account of the Science Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hanford Henderson advocates the securing of the flower of the race for the teaching profession as the best way to advance the well-being of mankind in an article entitled, "The Aim of Modern Education." Other papers which might be mentioned are "The Genius and his Environment," by Prof. J. M. Baldwin; "Epidemics of Hysteria," by Dr. Hirsch, and "The Scallop," by Fred Mather.

*Littell's Living Age* for August 29th contains a short story entitled "Splendide Mendax," by Stephen Gwynn, which originally appeared in the *Cornhill*, and which was made the keynote of an admirable article in the *London Spectator*.

No summer number has been more successful than that issued by the Curtis Publishing Company. The short story number of the *Ladies' Home Journal* opens with a charm-

ing little poem by James Whitcomb Riley, "When the Heart Beats Young." Bret Harte produces an astonishing amount of brilliancy of colour and effect in a page and a half of unmixed pleasure to the reader, and Lilian Bell is quite as effective, if not as severe, as usual, in a short love story, called "A Woman of No Nerves." A page of Mr. Wolfe's "Little Comedies" puts us under a genuine obligation to Mr. Bok.

"A School Algebra." By Emerson E. White, A.M., LL.D. (The American Book Co., New York, Cincinnati and Chicago.) This is an excellent elementary algebra, and is carefully adapted for the use of High School pupils, although some chapters are added on Logarithms, curve-tracing, etc. Great care has evidently been expended in its preparation, and teachers will find that the earlier parts of the book are especially prepared to fit in with the arithmetical work of junior pupils.

Two new volumes have appeared in the International Education Series (New York: D. Appleton & Co.) The general editor is W. T. Harris, LL.D., and we have frequently had the pleasure of commending books of this series to the attention of our readers. The first of these volumes is "Teaching the Language—Arts," by Prof. B. A. Hinsdall, of Michigan State University, it is a sensible and practical treatise on speaking, reading and writing English, and is the outcome of the author's own work as teacher and superintendent; and the second is a translation of "Herbart's The A B C of Sense Perception" and some of his educational essays and lectures: So much attention is now being paid to Herbart as an educational authority that teachers will be glad to have his works thus made accessible for study. These deserve careful reading and consideration at our hands because he investi-