

Literary Notes.

There is much excellent reading in the April number of the *Cosmopolitan*, and the illustrations reach a high point of excellence notably those used in the article "Napoleon at Moscow," which are reproductions of Verestchagin's pictures. A novel by Count Tolstoy is commenced in this number and promises to be interesting. The paper by Edith Elmer Wood, entitled, "The Ideal and Practical Organization of a Home," which obtained the first of three prizes offered by the Magazine to writers on the subject, out of about five hundred, contains golden maxims which we heartily commend to all our readers, particularly to the minister's wife struggling to keep the housekeeping expenses of the Manse, and still to make it an ideal home of her husband's sphere of usefulness. There is an extraordinary article, "How the French Crossed the Channel," giving an account of the total demolition of the English fleet by French torpedoes, written by a French writer, it goes without saying, and which can only be described as being just a little too previous. It may, however, serve a useful purpose if it brings to the minds of readers the horrors of naval warfare, and make them besiege the "Throne of Grace" with prayers for the continuance of the blessings of peace, unity and concord among all nations, blessings which are greatly imperilled by such "pin-pricking" articles as the one now before us. For charming writing we also commend "The Nemesis of Motherhood," by Harriet Prescott Spofford.

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