

the story of the times of William First, Emperor of Germany, embracing the federation of Teutonic peoples, the "blood and iron" policy of Bismarck, and the gigantic struggle for supremacy between Germany and France, makes the subject one of absorbing interest.

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY. By William Morris Davis, Professor of Geology in Harvard University. Cloth. Pages 401. Price \$1.40. Illustrated with 200 specially prepared wood-cuts, six charts in color, and nineteen full page half-tone plates. Ginn & Company, Boston, 1902.

This book, in its plan of method and treatment of the subject, is one of the best that has appeared. Its illustrations and maps, covering all parts of the world, its simplicity of language adapting it to young people, its clear explanation of the many complicated scientific problems relating to climate, meteorology and other topics make it a most desirable work for the student.

ACADEMIC ALGEBRA. By W. W. Beman and D. A. Smith. Cloth. Pages 383. Price \$1.25. Ginn & Co., Boston, 1902.

This book aims to prepare the pupil for college. A few of its distinctive features are: It makes clear the notion of function as early as possible; it gives immediate application of the theory of factoring and employs it continually throughout the course; it treats simple and quadratic equations by modern methods; so far as possible, it substitutes for the conventional applied problems those that appeal to the life of to-day; it substitutes for the loose definitions and proofs too often given the more scientific treatment which characterizes the best French and German works of recent times.

OUR COUNTRY'S STORY. An Elementary History of the United States. By Eva Marsh Tappan, Ph.D. Illustrated. Cloth. Pages 270. Price 65 cents. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, 1902.

Miss Tappan has written a simple, interesting and connected account of the course of events in the history of the United States. She has depended more upon the connection and arrangement of events than upon precise dates. Stories are not told except to fix facts, illustrate principles, or picture important characters. Attention has been paid to the development of the country along industrial lines, from the primitive methods of early colonial days to the more complex civilization of to-day. This is done in such a way, however, as to interest younger readers.

ELEMENTARY PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE. By Buel P. Colton, A.M. Cloth. Pages 317. Price 60 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 1902.

This elementary physiology is intended especially for grades below the high school. It presents the elements of physiology and anatomy in simple and direct form, and shows their application to hygiene. An unusual amount of space is devoted to the practical side of physiology and the connection between good health and proper habits is clearly set forth. The book contains a large proportion of matter devoted to the study of stimulants and narcotics.

ELEMENTS OF PHYSICS. By Amos T. Fisher, B.S., and Melvin J. Patterson, B.S. Cloth. Pages 184. Price 60 cents. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 1902.

The Elements of Physics combines experimental and descriptive physics in a manner suited to schools with limited laboratory equipment. It is thoroughly modern, giving detailed descriptions of such topics as liquid air, the wireless telegraph, etc. All the work is practical, the experiments can be done with home-made apparatus, the directions are clear and explicit, and the illustrations helpful.

ENGLISH-GERMAN CONVERSATION BOOK. By Professors Kruger and Smith. Cloth. Pages 37. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 1902.

This little book is designed to familiarize students of German with the words and expressions that they must know if their conversation is to rise above the level of laundry lists and bills of fare. The chapters on the American college and on German university life is of particular value.

GERMAN COMPOSITION, with notes and vocabulary. By E. C. Wesselhoeft, A.M. Cloth. Pages 77. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

Stories and simple every-day style of speech have been preserved throughout these selections, which are designed to help the beginner in securing variety of vocabulary and the correction of common mistakes.

JUNE MAGAZINES.

There are some striking features in the June *Canadian Magazine*. Mr. L. O. David, of Montreal, a personal friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, writes a charming sketch of his life, showing his struggles, his ambitions and his accomplishments. Capt. Carstairs writes of Nigeria, under the title What Britain is Doing in West Africa. Mrs. Sarah Tooley, the noted English author, contributes a sketch of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. These three articles are profusely illustrated. The June *Atlantic* offers an unusually long and varied line of especially seasonable contents. Papers upon academic subjects are Irving Babbitt's careful and scholarly article on The Humanities, and Miss Scudder's Democracy and Education, the second paper in her valuable series on Democracy. The issue of *The Outlook* for June 7th is the Thirteenth Annual Recreation Number. It is richly illustrated with drawings and photographs. The leading features are Hunting Big Game with the Camera, by A. G. Wallihan; When You Meet a Bear, by W. J. Long; Mountain Climbing, by Charles E. Fay; Camping for Women by Martha Coman; Lost in the Woods, by George Kennan. The June *Century* is a particularly attractive number of varied contents. Of particular interest are the third part of Mary Adams's much-discussed Confessions of a Wife, dealing with Motherhood; and the Royal Family of England, by Professor Oscar Browning of Cambridge, England, setting forth some characteristics of the royal family based on personal acquaintance, with several por-