

A very interesting story entitled *The Sheriff of the Beech Fork*, by the Rev. Henry S. Spalding, S.J., is well worth reading, as it describes in a most fetching manner the mode of living and trading the early settlers along the Ohio and Mississippi shores had, of disposing of their products, before the days when steam-boats made their appearance for such traffic. It is full of southern life and sunshine from the land of the magnolia, and would be an interesting work for the holiday half hour reading, which is now so near. Published at the small cost of 85c, by Benziger Bros.

### Magazines.

In a few days "Absent" will be hung up on the Sanctum and the editor goes fishing, for a couple of months. Those dear Magazines will stay behind. Will we miss them? Slightly. Previous to the day when we drifted this way with a providential wind, most of us, I'm afraid, felt little interest in sound literature. To be sure, we revelled in the stories of the Jessie James type. Our imagination fired with the deeds of raiders, detectives, and desperadoes or we divided our nickels between cigarettes and the badly cooked weekly editions wherein our weary unsatisfied minds were dragged on interminably after lovely heroines "virtuous even to insipidity and of heroes so blameably blameless as to be revolting". Thank heaven, this fevered period, which had to come like the measles, is gone. Knowledge has brought the taste for better. Next to the care of our unselfish professors and the influence of our studies the refinery work is largely due to the magazines which lie on our Reading-Room and Sanctum tables. There, we have come in touch with genius, with geniality, with wit, with nature, with poetry, with science, with philosophy and with religion. There, we have met and conversed intimately with men and women of talent, learning and piety; men and women who to-day wield the pen with power and grace.

A small but neat and well-filled periodical is the *Missionary Record of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. It may be termed a globe-