

**Gossip About Writers.**

--Labouchere calls Rudyard Kipling a "British braggart of the blatant type."

--Georges Ohnet received over \$100,000 in a single year from the novel and play, "The Forge Master."

--Rider Haggard has completed a new novel, which will probably be called, "The Way of the Transgressor."

--Lewis Carroll, (Mr. Dodgson), author of "Alice in Wonderland," has two hobbies:-- children and amateur photography.

--Gladstone and George A. Sala are said to be the only two men in Great Britain who can speak Italian without a trace of accent.

--Anthony Trollope's first novel was written in twenty-four days, to obtain money to give his wife change of air ordered by the doctors.

--The Countess of Aberdeen is issuing two publications, Onward and Upward, and Wee Willie Winkie, the latter being a monthly for children.

--A grant of £100 has been made to a granddaughter of Robert Burns, the widow of David Wingate, a writer, whose merit was rewarded by a pension of £50.

--Charles Dudley Warner says he has found many men who were not able to subscribe for a paper, but he has not yet found one who is not able to edit one.

--Every year since Victor Hugo died, eight years ago, a fresh volume of his poems has appeared. He wrote an enormous amount of poetry which he never published.

--Labouchere has for many years set aside a part of the profits of London Truth, as a sinking fund for the defence of libel suits. The fund now amounts to something like £50,000.

--Eugene Field says: "I am going to write a sentimental life of Horace. We know mighty little of him, but what I don't know I'll make up. I'll write such a life as he must have lived."

--An interesting find is a library of 500 volumes, including 70 manuscripts of the tenth and eleventh centuries, which were recently discovered in a Franciscan cloister, near Rieti, Italy.

--The heirs of John Howard Payne, are again asking Congress to pay them \$205,32, arrears of salary due the author of "Home, Sweet Home," as consul at Tunis, when he died there forty years ago.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes does not approve of afternoon tea, which he describes as "gibble, gubble, gobble and git."

--Edward Eggleston will confine himself to historical writing after completing a story of New York life, which he is now engaged upon.

--Marion Crawford thinks that, "So far as India is concerned, we might all leave this field to Rudyard Kipling. He knows India as no one else knows it, and no one else can picture it so well as he."

--Daudet says to those who come to consult him upon literary work, "No matter how occupied you are with your present way of earning a livelihood, if you have it in you to write, you will find time to do it."

--James Payn is as great a cockney as Charles Lamb. He never goes away from London unless forced to do so, and thinks the stories told by enthusiasts of the delights of country life a delusion and a snare.

--There have been sold 312,000 copies of Prof. Henry Drummond's "Greatest Thing in the World," and 114,000 of "Natural Law in the Spiritual World." "The Evolution of Man," by the same author, is not to appear for a year.

--Each sheet of manuscript of the Empress Eugenie's memoirs now in preparation, as finished, is placed under lock and key. No one has seen a page, and the memoirs will not be made public until twenty-five years after the Empress' death.

--The late Miss Booth, editress of Harper's Bazar, was so extremely conscientious that she read every story, to which she was at all attracted, three different times in as many different moods before she recognized its right to be printed, and then only if it passed each test.

--A spiritualistic periodical, published in London, gravely announces that it "has secured the exclusive collaboration of William Shakespeare in the spirit world," and that the public is warned that alleged communications from him, appearing in any other magazine, are spurious.

--The progress of modern invention, and discovery and applied sciences are constantly adding new words to our language. The words and phrases under the letter A in Worcester's Dictionary, are 6,993; in Webster's 8,358; in Century 15,621; and in the Standard, now in press, 19,736.