

woman who wrestled with the bargain hunters all the long hours of the store day, and was the light and support of her poverty shared home at "Number Two—Oh-F' West a Hunnerd and Forty-Se'nth Street." In this new story of **Miss 318 and Mr. 37**; by Rupert Hughes (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 128 pages, 6 full page illustrations, 75c. net), Miss 318 finds her affinity in the person of a husky fireman, who is as awkward as a young bear as a lover, but a shining hero when it comes to rescuing helpless women from the great fire in which The Mammoth went up when jammed with shoppers. No. 318 stands out of the way that another's life may be saved, and deserves the miraculous rescue which made a "Mr. and Mrs. No. 37" inevitable.

**The Presbyterian Year Book 1913** (Presbyterian Publications, Toronto, 96 pages, 5 cents each, \$4 per 100). Many ministers, sessions, Missionary Committees, and Sunday School and Y.P.S. workers are asking, "What shall we put into the hands of people, that will give them a full, accurate and interesting account of the work of our church at a small price, and so arranged as to be quickly and easily read?" The answer is The Presbyterian Year Book, now in its fourth year. It is prepared by the Presbyterian Publications at the request of the General Assembly, and presents in a compact form an account of the year's work as carried on by the various boards and committees of the church. It also outlines the plans of work for the year to come and gives the statistics of the church, the details of the Budget, Sabbath School Lessons, Golden Texts and Daily Readings, the Y.P.S.C.E. and Guild Topics and various other items of useful information. The small price at which this "much in little" handbook is published should of itself secure it a wide circulation.

Amongst the useful Helps to Lesson Study is **Tarbell's Teachers' Guide** (Wm. Briggs, Toronto, 473 pages, \$1.15 postpaid). Miss Tarbell's work, like Dr. Peloubet's, is coming to be too well and favorably known to require lengthened notice. Each annual volume is an advance upon the previous one. That for 1913, for instance, contains an excellent critical and popular treatment of the books of the Bible from which the Lessons of the year are taken, and also a few pages of general suggestions to teachers of the various grades. The Lesson material is well wrought out, with abundant quotation from commentators and scholars, and varied suggestions to teachers on each Lesson. The Teachers' Guide is intended specially, and is specially suited, for those in charge of intermediate or junior classes.

The story of a man's fight and victory over his personal cowardice is convincingly told in Rex Beach's latest book, **The Net** (The Mursion Book Co., Toronto, 333 pages, \$1.35 net). Rex Beach is already well known as the author of Alaskan stories. This new story opens in Sicily twenty-five years ago, where the hero, a young American, becomes involved with the dreaded Sicilian secret society, the Mafia. His best friend is murdered by the Mafia, and he sets out to bring the murderer to justice. The movement shifts to New Orleans, and there the fight against the mysterious

leader of the Mafia is brought to a dramatic finish. The story is forcefully told, and a bright vein of humor running throughout it relieves the somewhat grisly incidents of the plot.

**The Magic Aeroplane**, by Mrs. L. B. S. Henderson, (The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto, 96 pages, illustrated; price \$1.00), came in a Christmas stocking and took a little boy and girl, a pussy cat and a dove, on a flying trip to Mars, the moon, the sun, Toyland, and the home of Santa Claus. Their novel adventures are told in a large print type, and with lively illustrations, many of them colored, that will appeal strongly to little people. **The Flight Brothers** (same price and published by the same author), is also an aeroplane story and picture book, but the heroes of the wonderful air adventures, Jack and Billy, are boys of ten and twelve, and they make a round the world trip, visiting Honolulu, India, Chicago, and other widely separated places. The size of the book, and type and the pictures are uniform with *The Magic Aeroplane*.

The heroes and heroines of the stories of E. V. Lucas, of which **London Lavender** (The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto; 295 pages; price \$1.25), is the latest, have a delightful faculty of dropping down among interesting neighbors. Readers of *Over Bemerton's*, or *Mr. Ingleside*, will recall this happy trait. *London Lavender*, shows the lonely bachelor, who, in *Over Bemerton's*, lived above a second-hand bookstore, married and in a house in quiet Primrose Row. But the house and locality prove to be full of unusual people. A man concerned in making moving picture dramas, to whom even a sneeze gives an idea for a thrilling film; another who had stolen from the National Gallery a picture he had once presented to it; a philosophical chambermaid married to the keeper of the apes' house at the Zoo; a young sporting man with a mania for senseless betting; a Socialist, and a kind-hearted and impracticable inventor, were some of the near neighbors. Editors and parliamentarians and men of affairs were to be readily found by a little further looking. And always, as in Mr. Lucas' books, though there may be little plot, there is plenty of good talk, and no little comment and philosophising. Sometimes the talk is instructive, and almost always amusing, with a gentle poking of fun at the latest fads and fancies, and a frank discussion of modern movements and hobbies.

The following have also been received:—

CASSELL AND COMPANY:—**Sons of the Sea**, by Captain Frank H. Shaw; 310 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.00 net.

**Little Books on Great Writers**—Thackeray, by Sidney Dark; 71 pages; illustrated; Price 30 cents.

**Sister-in-Chief**, by Dorothy a Beckett Terrell; 307 pages; illustrated; \$1.00 net.

**All About Ships**, by Lieutenant Taprell Dorling, R.N.; 371 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.75.

**Spiderland**, by R. A. Ellis; 108 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.00 net.

**The Man at Lone Lake**, by Virna Sheard; 310 pages; illustrated; Price \$1.25.