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#### Periodicals.

The National Review for August contains an unusual amount of interesting matter, particularly in the series of notes entitled "Episodes of the Month." George Meredith contributes a most appreciative critique on "Mrs. Meynell's Two Pooks of Essays." "Mr. Chamberlain is the subject of a sketch from the pen of B C. Skottowe. Francis A. Walker writes on "The Monetary Question and the United States" "Contributors" is the title of an interesting study on contributions. T. Mackay writes on "The Unpopularity of the House of Commons;" this writer concludes an able paper with the following: "Successful legislation must be based on a true theory, and in our present political life the necessity of any such theory is contemptuously denied." William Barry discusses "The Secret of Catholicism." Ben Tillet brings a good number to a close with a Tillet brings a good number to a close with a paper on "Our Naval Weakness."

The September number of Electrical Engineering contains much valuable information relating to patents in an article by Charles A. Brown under the head of "Questions and Answers Relating to Patents: Information relating to the protection of inventions" Other clever papers are: "The Manufacture of Wire: Galvanization: Stranding of Copper Wires; Gauging of Wires: Wire Gauges," by Frederic A. C. Perrine, D.Sc.: "Telephone Cables: talking through cables; cable construction, etc.," by Dr. V Wietlisbach of Berne, Switzerland; "The Air-Drying Process for Telephone Cables; principles of the process, methods, etc.," also by the last-mentioned writer; 'Elements of Complex Quantities and Vectors, with reference to their use in alternating current work, The September number of ence to their use in alternating current work, etc.," by Franz J. Dommerque, M.E.; "The Welsbach Burner," by George S Burrows," and "The Telephone Convention." by Fred De Land. Several clever editorials complete the issue the issue.

The Atlantic for September contains two articles bearing on the political situation in the United States. In "The Problem of the West," I rofessor Frederick J. Turner, of the University of Wisconsin, traces the growth of Western characteristics and opinion historically and logically. If there is a sharp sectional feeling, he shows that it is not a feeling as between two peoples, but only as between two neighbourhoods. The man of the Middle West is the type of the true 'merican citizen. This article is followed by the historian John B. McMaster's article on "The Election of the President." The story of Uncle Tom's Cabin is told by Charles Dudley Warner, followed by an article on "The Awakening of the Negro." by Booker T. Washington, who explains the revolutionary work done at Tuskegee, Alabama. He shows, too, how the Tuskegee, Alabama. He shows, too, how the South, and has in it the seeds of a revolution for whites as well as blacks. The fiction in this number consists of the first third of Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggins' novel, "Marm Lisa"; the second instalment of Mrs. Catherwood's "The Spirit of an Illinois Town," and Sarah Orne Jewett's further chapters of "The Country of the Pointed Firs." The sketches which have appeared under this latter title from time to time, while not constituting a connected story, have dealt with characters and scenes familiar to Mrs. Jewett's readers, and in them the author has been seen at her best. The conclusion of "thénaïse," Mrs. Chonis's attention of the Country of the Country of the there are the characters and scenes familiar to Mrs. Jewett's readers, and in them the author has been seen at her best. The conclusion of "thénaïse," Mrs. Chonis's attention of the Characters, and in them the author has been seen at her best. The conclusion of "thénaïse," Mrs. The Atlantic for September contains two and scenes familiar to Mrs. Jewett's readers, and in them the author has been seen at her best. The conclusion of "thénaïse," Mrs. Chopin's story of Creole life, together with the last instalment but one of Henry James' novel, "The Old Things," complete the fiction. Bradford Torrey writes of "v Day's Drive in Three States," describing his experiences while driving through that corner of Georgia which lies between North and South Carolina. He writes with a true naturalist's enthusiasm of the birds he encountered. The Carolina. He writes with a true naturalist's enthusiasm of the birds he encountered. The life of girls in a New England Factory village is the subject of a paper by Lillie B. Chace Wyman. A paper on "The Teaching of the Spirit of Literature,' by W. P. Trent, Professor of Literature in the University of the South, a sketch of travel entitled "Some Yorkshire Good Cheer," by Eugenia Skelding, and two sonnets, by Arthur S. Hardy, with book reviews and the usual departments, complete the issue. complete the issue.

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