

to make way for them after a certain time, if it is possible, of course. The problem might stand a chance of being solved if people were to aim at acquiring characters of some size and roundness and not merely occupations. The other story is about a woman, too, that is, it is mainly concerned with the analysis of a woman's identity. Why does not some man who can write show us the secret springs of some other man? It is possible that women may be too much explained.

In the April number of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* one of course finds a good deal about Spain and Cuba. It will be interesting to see how the May number will cope with the present details of the unhappy situation. At least whatever happens let us hope that it will hasten the cure, the extinction of war. There is an interesting article by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, Does Cosmopolitan Life Lead to International Friendliness? followed by an account of the writer by Albert Shaw. The cartoons go on proving what a love we have for the ugly.

The editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal* has produced a number of remarkable after-dinner stories about famous people in the May number. They are almost but not quite vouched for. I think the most of us will be a little sorry about Mrs. Gladstone. It is such a worthy thing to be proud of a husband that one ought to be forgiven for it even if one says strange things. On the contrary, Professor Huxley's Buckwheat Cake is a beautiful story. Miss Julia Magruder is at present contributing a serial entitled A Heaven-Kissing Hill. The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Minister's Wife are extremely entertaining.

We have received from Ginn & Co., Boston, Cæsar's Gallic War, Book I., edited by A. W. Roberts; German Composition, by Wilhelm Bernhardt; and The New Century Speaker, by H. A. Frink.

W. C. Heath & Co., Boston. Nicotiana, with notes and a vocabulary, by W. Bernhardt Der Zerbrochene Krug, edited by E. S. Joynes. From September to June With Nature, by M. I. Warren.

We have received from MacMillan & Co., London, through their Toronto agents, the Copp, Clark Co., the following books: An Arithmetic for Schools, by S. L. Loney; Simple Lessons in Cookery, by Mary Harrison; Object Lessons in Domestic Economy, by Vincent T. Murche; and English Grammar, Past and Present, by J. C. Nesfield.

Eldredge & Brother, Philadelphia. A Text-Book of Elementary Botany, by W. A. Kellerman.

Ginn & Co., Boston. The Story-Teller's Art. a guide to the Elementary Study of Fiction, by Charity Dye. The Captives and Trinummus of Plantus, with introduction and notes by E. P. Morris.

The American Book Company, New York. A New Astronomy for Beginners, by David P. Todd. Stories of Pennsylvania, by J. S. Walton and M. G. Brumbaugh. A Laboratory Manual in Practical Botany, by C. H. Clark. Applied Physiology, by Frank Overton.