

PUBLISHERS DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY NOTES.

Appletons' Popular Science Monthly for October will contain an article by Edward Atkinson, entitled "The Evolution of High Wages From Low Cost of Labor." He points out that in every branch of industry there has been a progressive advance in the rate of wages, and that this advance has been accompanied by, and is in fact a consequence of, a general decline in the prices of nearly all products.

"Russia and the Slavs" is the title of an instructive article by Prof. William Z. Ripley, which will appear in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for October. The rapid growth of Russian civilization, and the prominent position which she is assuming among the modern nations, give the article a popular interest quite apart from its strictly scientific aspects.

Alice Carter Cook is the author of a fully illustrated paper entitled "Plant Life in the Canaries," which will appear in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for October. These "Fortunate Islands" of Lucian, "abounding in luscious fruits and covered with luxuriant forests," are to-day scarcely at all known or appreciated by the general traveller after health or pleasure. A reading of Mrs. Carter's article, however, will give one a most delightful picture of their beauty and interest, as well as a great deal of information of scientific value.

"Weather Freaks of the West Indies" is the subject of a short article by Felix L. Oswald, the naturalist, which will appear in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for October. These at present much-talked-of islands are, it seems, peculiar as well in their weather as in their inhabitants, and some of the more curious manifestations of the former are described and explained by Dr. Oswald.

Chapter IV in the series on "The Evolution of Colonies," by James Collier, is entitled "The Law," and will appear in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for October. It is unusually short, but full of important matter.

MAGAZINE NOTES.

The Living Age, in its issue for October 1st, begins a new serial story, translated for its pages from the French of Th. Bentzon (Mme. Blanc). The story is entitled "Constance," and it is the study of the life of a young girl. Important ethical questions, especially that of divorce, are touched upon, and the story has a high moral purpose. The translation is made by Mrs. E. W. Latimer, and is authorized by Mme. Blanc.

With the first number for October, *The Living Age*, the weekly eclectic magazine which for more than fifty years has been a favorite with American readers, begins a new series and appears in a new and attractive dress, suggesting *The Atlantic Monthly* in the clear legibility of its page. The familiar cover is to be retained, but it has been newly engraved and otherwise modernised.