

feared might be done some time ago. Every boy, every one, will enjoy this electrically good story from beginning to end. Price 75 cents; Boston, D. Lothrop Company. Another, and a purely American tale, is "Following the Guidon," by Mrs. Custor, widow of General Custor, who was killed at the battle of Little Big Horn. This lady writes from actual experience of life in camp on the plains, and has succeeded in giving a very entertaining account of her experiences. We did not skip a page of this book, although it has no fascinating plot to hold the fancy. In view of the present condition of Indian affairs in the United States, the book bears a special interest, and the military life into which we are taken, interspersed with buffalo hunts and other exciting events, not to mention such a thing as a mule race, "a slow mule race," and many an amusing anecdote, told with an easy grace, is all very pleasant reading. Mrs. Custor gives in the preface, which you, gentle reader, must not overlook, a brief history of the different bugle calls used in the army, and explains their meaning and use. Every chapter in the book is headed with the music of these calls, so that any ambitious young amateur bugler or cornetist who has the good fortune to come across it may mark, learn, inwardly digest and audibly express them. In many cases the words usually fitted to the music by the soldiers are given. This volume is published by Harper & Bros., New York. It is tastefully bound in green cloth, with two small flags or guidons floating from a staff across the upper edge of the cover.

All the books we have mentioned are first rate boys' books, and as girls often, in fact nearly always, like the same books as their brothers do, they must therefore be first rate girls' books.

We now take up another class of literature. "How to Preserve Health," by Louis Barkan, M. D., 248 President Street, Brooklyn, is a valuable hygienic work, highly praised by several eminent medical men. To those who value the greatest of blessings, this book cannot come amiss, and any one who desires to possess it may do so by sending the price, \$1.00, to Dr. Barkan.

From Leo & Shepard, Boston, we have received "Brushes and Chisels," which attracts the eye at once by its artistic binding of cardinal, green and white. It is not, as perhaps you might think, a text book on painting and sculpture, but a very fascinating glimpse into the studio life of the Eternal City. The happy Bohemian life is portrayed for us in a charming manner by the author, who bears a foreign name, Teodoro Serrao. We come across some very refreshing little bits sometimes which bear a humorous aspect, such as, "Have you ever noticed how expressive a shut mouth can be?" But even so, those little bits are sparklers. The brilliant scenes of Rome are described in a most realistic manner, and one feels the joyousness of the sunshine and of the gay crowds that promenade the campagna. Thoroughly artistic and out of the ordinary it is, but it ends in a tragedy, which of course some people like; the terrible and awful being important items in a good story. Angelica, the person in the story, was, we are told in the beginning, not a Roman; we learn little about her before or after she appeared on the scene, but she was lovely and she suffered. The price of the book is \$1.00.

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