

Books and Magazines.

The rapid advance and improvements in bookmaking of late in the case of Canadian editions, is most agreeably manifested by the latest books received for review. The recent productions of The Copp, Clark Co., and W. J. Gage & Co., of Toronto, are exquisite specimens of good workmanship—*Mistress Nell*, from the workshop of the first named house, and *Sirius* from the second-mentioned being examples of book-making to delight all lovers of well-printed and well-bound books.

Mistress Nell,—a *Merry Tale of a Merry Time*, creates a good impression at first sight. Rarely is a good story so attractively bound except in the case of a high priced edition, and the good opinion merited by the appearance of the book is confirmed on appeal to the literary taste of the reader. It is amply sufficient to say that as a satisfactory piece of fiction *Mistress Nell* is hard to surpass.

Also from The Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto, we have received *The Helmet of Navarre*. To those whose minds are swayed by the romance of which Dumas was a master, *The Helmet of Navarre* will be a welcome acquisition. It treats of the adventures of a certain M. Le Comte de Mar, whose love for a maiden of the House of Lorraine led him and his faithful servant, Felix Brioux, by whom the tale is related, into many romantic scrapes, from which Dame Fortune extricated them in wonderful ways. This is a story that will keep all the faculties alert and occupied.

The Observations of Henry, by Jerome K. Jerome, is a volume of short stories in which is blended the pathos and the wit that so markedly distinguish this author's works. One will smile and feel sad in ready sympathy with the author's mood. Decidedly this book should not be overlooked. Published by The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

From the same publishers we have received a copy of Hamlin Garland's book, *Her Mountain Lover*, which breathes from cover to cover the exhilarating atmosphere of the mountains of Colorado. It is almost as good as a trip to that hilly State to read this tale so graphically told. There are interesting details woven in to make a very strong and fascinating love story.

The Third Floor is the title of an entertaining story by Mrs. Henry Dudeney, issued from the press of W. J. Gage & Co, Toronto. It is a bright relation of the experiences of a quartette of young men in London, who, living in apartments, are joined by a young woman, which