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LITERARY NOTES.

A beautifully illustrated account of a winter trip to the Sahara Desert, by Prof. Angelo Heilprin, is announced for the March number of *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly*. Professor Heilprin's attractive style and reputation as a careful scientific observer promise an instructive and entertaining story.

Under the title *An Apostate Democracy*, *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for March will publish a sharp criticism of the degeneration in American methods of Government, by Franklin Smith, who has during the past two years achieved an enviable place among writers on modern economics by his arraignment of some of the most glaring of our political and educational abuses.

The Pioneer Scientific Society of the West, the Academy of Natural Sciences of St. Louis, is described by Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, in an illustrated article in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for March.

G. P. Putnam's Sons announce that they expect to begin in the near future the publication of a series of volumes prepared by Moses Coit Tyler, Professor of History in Cornell University, which will be issued under the following subject title:

"A Century of American Statesmen: A Biographical Survey of American Politics from the Inauguration of Jefferson to the Close of the Nineteenth Century."

Volume I.—Jefferson, Hamilton, Burr, John Randolph, Josiah Quincy, Madison, Munroe, Gallatin, Marshall, John Quincy Adams.

Volume II.—Andrew Jackson, Calhoun, Webster, Clay, Van Buren, Polk, Zachary Taylor, Cass, Benton, Franklin, Pierce.

Volume III.—Giddings, Seward, Chase, Sumner, Jefferson Davis, A. H. Stevens, Douglas, Buchanan, Lincoln.

Volume IV.—Grant, Andrew Johnson, Conkling, Blain, B. F. Butler, Carl Schurz, Garfield, Sherman, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley.

As will be inferred from the title, the work, which is to be in several volumes, is based on the idea of presenting a rapid survey of the great events of American history during the century now drawing to a close by presenting in vivid outline the lives and characteristics of the chief statesmen who, whether for good or for ill, have influenced American political life since the 4th of March, 1801. To each statesman included in the plan will be devoted a single chapter, wherein the scale and method of the portrait will be somewhat like that of the same author's work in his little book called "Three Men of Letters."

Professor Tyler has also in preparation a volume which will present the literary History of the American Republic during the first Half-Century of their Independence—1783-1833. This work will form a continuation of the volume previously published on the literature of the Colonial and the Revolutionary periods.

W. B. Saunders, publisher, 925 Walnut street, Philadelphia, sends us an advance bulletin of new books to be published early in 1898.

Mr. Saunders is pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed for the publication of an English edition of the world-famous Lehmann