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ENGLAND'S NAVY.—By F. M. Holmes. Cloth, 320 pp., 2s. 6d. S. W. Partridge & Co., Paternoster Row, London. This is a nice, popular book on the navy, its history and services to the Empire. In a general way the technical information is pretty thoroughly given, and for an admirer of the Empire the volume at its very reasonable price will prove attractive. The illustrations are numerous and effective.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. By Prof. Channing, of Harvard University. Cloth, maps, 6s. C. J. Clay & Sons, Cambridge University Press, Ave Maria Lane, London. This is one of the Cambridge Historical Series. It covers the period 1765-1865, and by Canadian readers, who are often at a loss for a handy and accurate compendium of United States history, it will be well thought of. It is, of course, adapted for students, but the average reader will find it full enough for his requirements.

BUSHY.—By Cynthia M. Westover. 12 mo. white buckram, \$1.50, with 32 full-page illustrations. The Morse Co., 96 Fifth Avenue, New York. Bushy is a wonderful little girl, and, as one of the miners in the western camp where she passed her early years said, "She's a kid in ten million, she is." Her bravery and adventures are related in thrilling pages. It is not often a girl is the heroine of a story of this kind, and the book in get-up is a very handsome one. Bushy is a charming and unique figure, and her hair-breadth escapes are marvelous. We would not be surprised if the tale made a great hit in Canada.

SCOTLAND FOREVER!—By J. Percy Groves. Cloth, illustrated, 5s. George Routledge & Sons, Ltd., London. A stirring story of the French war and Irish rebellion of '98, full of danger and military incident. The hero, a young Scot, with the Highland instinct for fighting, follows his father's profession, and ends it with credit on the field of Waterloo, retiring to a life of domestic peace and happiness. It is an attractive story.

CAPT. COOK'S VOYAGES ROUND THE WORLD.—By M. B. Synge. Cloth, illustrated, maps. Thomas Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh. A more popular edition of Cook's voyages can hardly be imagined.

There are over 500 pages, and the type is clear and large, yet the work is easily handled by the reader. There is a short life of Cook prefixed to his account of his three voyages. In this time of exploration and discovery the voyages of Cook make good reading, and the present edition is finely illustrated and mapped.

A BOOK OF COUNTRY CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE.—By Clifton Johnson. Cloth, boxed, \$2.50. Lee & Shepard, Boston. The talented author illustrates his own pages, which are a delightful picture of New England village and country life. There is a great deal of reality about it, and if the pleasanter phases are brought out more prominently than the unpleasant that is only natural, for the book is calculated to make one more contented with country life. The scenes are not unlike our own Canada, and we can well believe that such writing fulfils a good purpose in showing that city life, now such a drawing card, is not the only sphere for genuine happiness. It is a fine gift-book.

PHROSO.—By Anthony Hope. Cloth, \$1.50, illus. Frederick A. Stokes Co., New York; Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. This novel is even more fascinating than the same author's famous "Prisoner of Zenda." "Phroso" is the pet name of Euphrosyne, the beautiful Greek maiden of the Mediterranean island purchased by Lord Wheatley from her impecunious family. When he goes with a young friend to take possession the islanders resist, and a series of the most exciting and romantic incidents follow. In a nineteenth century setting we have all the marvelous deeds of 200 years ago told as only Mr. Hope seems able to reproduce them without the incongruity of it all striking against the reader's practical sense. He is charmed and amused in spite of himself. We have read the book from start to finish, and it will undoubtedly make a marked sensation. When Wheatley overcomes the opposition of the islanders, in the middle of the story, one is puzzled to see how he can keep the interest going, yet the advent of the Turkish governor simply paves the way for incidents even more startling than before. The illustrations in the cloth edition add much to the value of the book.

THE STORY OF MY WANDERINGS.—By Isaac Levinshohn. Cloth, illustrated, 1s. 6d. Alfred Holness, 14 Paternoster Row, London. A highly attractive description, with copious illustrations, of a Jew's visit to the land of his fathers.

BY THE DEEP SEA.—By Edward Step, F.L.S. Cloth, gilt, 5s. Jarrold & Sons, 10

Warwick Lane, London. This book is altogether delightful. It is a book that will fit into the coat pocket and provide the ramblers by the seashore with the means of appreciating the fish, shells and sea plants along the shore. As a companion for the seashore it is indispensable. Mr. Step is a well-known naturalist. He writes for the unscientific, like ourselves.

HELPS IN SICKNESS AND TO HEALTH.—By Henry C. Burdett. Cloth, 475 pp., 5s. Scientific Press, Ltd., 428 Strand, London. This is a medium-sized volume, but it contains a vast amount of information. Nursing, diet, ventilation, the health of children, etc., are all dealt with. It is a splendid book for the home. The health of the average individual would be kept in a good condition if a man or a woman read a book like this.

ROYAL ACADEMY ADDRESSES.—By Lord Leighton. Cloth, gilt, \$2.50. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. These annual addresses of Lord Leighton to the students of the Royal Academy were published shortly after his death, and have been given a warm reception by the art critics in England. The addresses are eight in number. They deal with the development of ancient and modern art, and are rich in historic lore, and the appreciation of the classical models for which this great artist was famed. Not only to art students do they appeal, but to all readers who love a fine literary style and a cultured taste. The book has as yet hardly been sold in Canada, and there are a good many to whose notice it might be brought. It is a beautiful specimen of modern bookmaking and a fine engraving of Lord Leighton forms the frontispiece.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL.

Mr. Wm. Drysdale has received a letter from Manager Henry Froude, of the Oxford University Press, containing some interesting news with regard to the new Presbyterian hymn books, which that company are making for the Canadian General Assembly. The book is being issued under the supervision of Revs. Dr. Somerville and McMillan, of Toronto, who were appointed by the committee which is looking after this work. Mr. Froude states that the work is well under way, and promises that they will be the finest hymn books in existence. It is understood that the publishers have agreed to give the Presbyterian Church of Canada a royalty on all the sales. Some of the editions will contain the Oxford Bible and the hymn book combined. Rev. Dr. Somerville and Rev. Mr. McMillan are now on their way home. The books will be ready in March.