

to be impeached, But why so incredible? the seed of the diseases, perhaps, spores of bacilli, lay in the ground, deeply and perhaps in very dry soil, but awaiting to be turned up like other seeds to moisture and warmth.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS (American edition) has given to its readers in late numbers as usual many good things. Besides a large amount of well selected and "well dished up" "news," such as is indispensable to every well informed man and woman, the most noticeable illustrations in late numbers are: Granddad's delight, full page; The Black Soudanese capturing a gun at the battle of Suakin, double page; No Admittance Except on Business, full page, very pretty; sketches in Nova Scotia, of the N. W. mounted police in Canada, Victoria, Australia, and in S. Wales, South west Spain, Solomon Islands, New Zealand and other places; The Nearest Way to Church, full page, very fine; "Irene," full page, lovely; with portraits of the late Crown Prince Rudolph, Boulanger, and of scores of the new London city council. Some funny things are: "Two Fools and Their Folly;" "Tommy Atkins" in Hospital; and Tiger shooting in India. (Weekly, \$5 a year. Potter Building, New York.)

IN THE MARCH CENTURY a timely essay is Dr. Edward Eggleston's review of James Bryce's already famous work on "The American Commonwealth," under the title of "A Full-Length Portrait of the United States." In the same category of special timeliness should be mentioned a curious article on "The Use of Oil to Still the Waves," by Lieut. W. H. Beehler, of the Office of Naval Intelligence, United States Navy Department. The present installment of the Life of Lincoln is entitled "The Edict of Freedom," and completes the story of Emancipation. Referring to the chapters on this subject, the editor asks in "Topics of the Time," "Has the mental history of a single sublime and world approved act ever before been so minutely and authoritatively described?" The frontispiece of the number is a portrait of the Grand Lama of the Trans-Baikal, from a photograph given to George Kennan in exchange for his own. The only other visit to this special Grand Lama by a foreigner, so far as is known, was that of Dr. Erman, nearly sixty years before the date of Mr.

Kennan's visit. Mr. Kennan's article describes an interesting and amusing episode of his Siberian tour. In fiction there is begun a three-part story by Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote, entitled "The Last Assembly Ball: A Pseudo Romance of the Far West." Mr. Jessop, in "The Correspondence of Mr. Miles Grogan," gives a study of the process of a New York policeman, from a liquor saloon to a residence in Montreal.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for March is a very good number. Many educators who would be glad to use science in the training of young pupils, if they knew just how to go about it, will be interested in the practical directions given in an article on "Natural Science in elementary schools," by J. M. Arms. In this number Mr. Arms writes with a full appreciation of the true aims of science teaching, and from an experience of ten years in the work.

"THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY" for April will contain a scientific explanation of the power to ensnare the human mind possessed by the leading delusion of the present day. The article is by Prof. Joseph Jastrow, and is entitled "The Psychology of Spiritualism." It contains accounts of the manifestations by the Fox sisters, Dr. Slade, Englington, and other mediums, all of which have been proved to be "gross intentional fraud throughout."

A HANDBOOK for the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Army and State Military forces by Major Charles Smart, of the U. S. Army, an officer of much experience in this subject, is about to be issued by W. Wood & Co., of New York.

WINES, it appears from our exchanges, are becoming unusually adulterated. Some large shipments of wine supposed to be genuine were found on chemical examination not to contain a trace of grape juice. We would urge upon our readers in all cases to confine themselves to Canadian wines, some of which are very fine and no doubt genuine. We especially recommend those of the Ontario Grape Growing and wine manufacturing company, of St. Catharines.

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