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A XMAS GIFT FOR FARMERS AND STOCKMEN.-Many farmers and stockmen are so located that they cannot get instruction at an agricultural college, while others are remote from veterinary aid. To such meh-and, in fact, to all farmers-a veterinary work (or doctor book, as it is called by some) is indispensable; to be acceptable, the book must be written in plain English, free from big technical words, in fact, one which can be read easily, and the pith of the advice got quickly. Such a work is Veterinary Elements. (See our book list.) It is a favorite with the farmer, the agricultural college student, the professor and the veterinarian, as may be learned by the following: "Unquestionably the most practical work yet published; should be in the house of every farmer '-Wm. Rennie; "Just the thing needed by stockmen of the country "-J. H. Grisdale, Agriculturist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa; "You have struck upon the idea as to what practical farmers require in this line "-Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph; "A book for which we can express unequivocal admiration "-The Veterinarian, London, Eng.; "An admirable little book "-Capt. Hayes. It is well illustrated and indexed, and treats of the diseases of farm stock. See book list

WE HAVE TO THANK THE GUN.-In the terrible accident which occurred on the New York Elevated Railroad, September 11, there is one cause for congratu-It was in the cool, selfpossession of many of the women, who by their courageous exhibition of nerve, saved the situation from being even more disastrous. The American woman of today takes her place beside the men, and shows pluck, nerve and assurance which often puts the sterner sex to shame.

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