

Just here, Terry may be imagined to have pleaded, as she only can plead, "Twere good to do so much for charity." Then that plum pudding slowly emerged from the gloomy corridors of the Custom House. After the play on Christmas Night, the brandy sauce blazed when the cover was lifted and the universal verdict was, "so shines a good deed in a naughty world." But, says the *New York Times*: "The employers of pauper labor abroad who have conspired to break down our plum pudding and mince meat industries should take warning."

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES, Calendar year 1886; David T. Day, Chief of Division of Mining Statistics and Technology. Government Printing office. Washington, 1887. (See elsewhere in this issue).

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by R. T. Lancefield. Pamphlet; price 10 cents. Grip Publishing Co., Toronto. The writer of this brochure draws a fearful picture of the wickedness of this world, of the selfishness of the rich, the callousness of the prosperous and busy ones, the inconsistency, not to say hypocrisy, of the so-called pious people. These last, he says in effect, while professing the meek, lowly, self-denying, brother-upraising religion of Christ, are themselves grinding the faces of the poor while they themselves feast on fat things and are clothed in purple and fine linen. All this, and the other troubles that afflict the just (and poverty-stricken) he would cure by taxing land values only. We cannot say that we are convinced by his logic. The very book from which he quotes so much declares that "The poor ye have with you always." One must change human nature before he can cure providence or abolish poverty.

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