

up if desired. They can be used without the Woven Wire or other Springs usually used under all other Mattresses, and are fully one-third lighter in weight than the ordinary Hair Mattress. They may also be used with only a thin hair mattress or even with only blankets over them, apparently. In this they approach very near to the Ideal Sanitary Mattress, nearer than any other we know of:—One that can be completely and daily opened up to the air, and will allow ALL PARTS of the bed to be repeatedly aired and washed. Persons wanting such, or further information, may address 123 Bay Street, Toronto.

NOTES ON CURRENT LIST

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS (reprint, World Building, New York) for May 30th gives a highly interesting story, "The Briefless Barrister," by Grant Allen, profusely embellished with tinted illustrations, besides the usual number of illustrations of current and other events. Three pretty full page pictures are, "Chickens," "Conscripts" and "Love me love my Cat." Other late numbers have given, "The First Day of the Season" (in Tennis) "Hold Tight," "Undine" and the "Happy Family at the Crystal Palace," all full page. One gets more, we believe, in this admirable weekly, for four dollars a year, than from any other publication in the world.

THE CENTURY, the king of monthlies, for May, begins a new volume, and in it are begun several new features of what The Century calls its "summer campaign." "The Squirrel Inn," by Frank R. Stockton, is one of the principal and most popular of these new features. The "Inn" itself is carefully depicted in a picture which is the joint product of the artistic skill and ingenuity of both the author and Mr. Frost, the illustrator. Mr. Frost brings out also several of the principal characters of the story, which promises to be one of the most curious and characteristic of Mr. Stockton's inventions. The long promised papers (two in number) on the Court of the Czar Nicholas I. are now begun, the frontispiece of the magazine being a portrait of the Emperor Nicholas. These papers are by the late George Miffin Dallas, in his day one of the most distinguished statesmen of the country. There is an enormous fund of other matter.

SINCE THE DEPARTURE of Amelie Rives-Chanler, after her marriage, we have had only

brief paragraphs concerning her life and literary intentions. A recent paragraph in the daily papers announced the fact that she was hard at work upon a new novel destined to arouse the literary world by its artistic merit and bold originality. It is now announced that the first chapters of this will appear in the August number of the Cosmopolitan, and that, in the estimation of critics who are most competent to judge, this last story will be the most finished, as well as interesting, production of this versatile Southern pen.

ST. NICHOLAS for May presents a very tempting table of contents, beginning with an imaginative poem, "Morning," by the late Emily Dickinson, whose work has been so cordially praised by the critics. Nora Perry's "Siege of Calais," a ballad with striking illustrations by Birch, will delight little students of history, who will also read the second paper on "The Land of Pluck," by Mrs. Dodge, with keen delight, supplemented as it is by two very interesting letters on Holland. J. O. Davidson, has written and fully illustrated a short serial of adventure entitled, "Chan Ok," which describes the capture of a noted Chinese pirate by whom a steamer was recently destroyed.

THE GRAPHIC of Chicago is outstripping all the Eastern weeklies in the States, not only in its interesting reading matter, but in the clearness of its many illustrations and typographical work. It gives some very pretty full-page pictures, besides an enormous amount of illustrations of current events, portraits of eminent men, &c., &c.

THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED of the 20th June will be devoted almost exclusively to an account with full illustrations, of the event which is in all men's minds, the funeral of the dead premier, Sir John A. Macdonald. The number will doubtless be a memorial worthy of the occasion.

ELEGANT PRIZES FOR THE LADIES.—The publishers of THE CANADIAN QUEEN, Toronto, Canada, are offering two new prize competitions, with leading prizes consisting of a pair of Shetland Ponies, carriage and harness, a Free Trip to Europe, first-class upright piano, two weeks vacation to any summer resort in Canada or the United States, all expenses paid; safety bicycle or tricycle, one hundred dollars in cash, suite of parlor furniture, ladies' gold watches, etc., etc. This magazine has become famous on account of its prize competitions. Hundreds of Canadians have won valuable prizes in previous contests. Sample number of THE QUEEN with full particulars, will be sent by the publishers upon receipt of the address of any lady and four 3 cent stamps. THE QUEEN, Toronto, Canada.