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AN OUTLINE OF ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.—By F. M. Gregg, A.M., Normal College, Wayne, Nebraska. Cloth. Pages 390. Price 50c. C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y.

This outline is presented with a view to unify work in physiology classes where several text-books are in use. It furnishes condensed information on all varieties of topics in physiology, emphasizing what is most important and furnishing plenty of drill on these.

THEORETICAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY.—By Julius B. Cohen, Ph.D., Lecturer on Organic Chemistry, Yorkshire College, England. Cloth. Pages 578. Price 6s. Macmillan & Co., London.

This book represents a course of sixty lectures with experiments, and forms a very complete text-book of modern organic chemistry.

A COURSE OF SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS IN MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.—By A. E. Munby, M.A., F.C.S. Cloth. Pages 90. Price 1s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

The course here laid out and the experiments described should give a good grounding in the principles of this branch of physics.

A text-book on Latin composition by Mr. J. E. Barss, son of Dr. D. W. Barss, of Wolfville, is being introduced into many schools in the cities of the United States.

Thackeray's HENRY ESMOND with introduction and Notes. Cloth. Pages 444. Price 2s. 6d. Macmillan & Co., London.

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FEBRUARY MAGAZINES.

There are several notable sketches and some entertaining stories in the *Atlantic Monthly*. The literary and critical articles in the number are many and varied: Rollin Lynde Hartt treats characteristically and charmingly the topic of The Literary Pilgrimage; Paul E. More furnishes an interesting study of Lafcadio Hearn; A. V. W. Jackson reviews Early Persian Literature, and Charles Rice treats a New Interpreter of Eastside Life, followed by papers on Co-operative Historical Writing.

Among the many excellent features of the *Canadian Magazine* are: British Guiana, illustrated, by Wm. Perot Kaufman; the Passing of the Wild Pigeon, by C. W. Nash; a sketch of the Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier of New Brunswick; a poem by W. A. Fraser; Dr. Bell's Flying Machine, by Thomas Johnson; a Visit to the Toronto Zoo, illustrated, by W. T. Allison; Railway Taxation, by H. J. Pettypiece, M.P.P.; and The Incorporation of Trades Unions, by Professor Adam Shortt. The second instalment of Dr. Hannay's "War of 1812" is well illustrated, and the departments are also attractive.

An article on the amusements of children in *The Delinicator* for February contains a wealth of practical suggestions. Most mothers are usually at their wit's ends to provide suitable entertainment for the children. The kindergarten is an aid in the solution of this problem; but it only occupies a portion of the child's time. The work of the kindergarten should be supplemented by play and instruction of a like character in the home. The seed sown in the heart and mind of the child bears abundant fruit in later years, and the good that they derive from song and story and healthful bodily exercise cannot be overestimated. A love of nature, habits of neatness and order, politeness of manner can be installed in the little one by intelligent effort.

In the *Chautauquan* there is a series of interesting articles, among which are, A Reading Journey Through Russia, Practical Studies in English, Home Problems from a New Standpoint, Nature Study, Stories of Heroic Living and others.

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