

SOCIAL AND LITERARY.

Yellow fever is on the increase in the Southern States.

Mr. Wilkie Collins' health has improved during his summer yachting cruises.

"The Hoosier School-Boy" is to be the title of Edward Eggleston's new story.

The wife of the Tichborne claimant and her two children are in the workhouse at Southampton.

Stanley, the African explorer, is preparing to re-ascend the Congo river. He is in good health, and hopeful of success.

It is charged that the French burned the village of Loando, in West Africa, because the natives refused to sell their territory.

Mr. Charles Dudley Warner is to deliver a special course of lectures on literature before the Senior Class of Princeton College.

A statement is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that Queen Victoria has asked Tennyson to write a poem on the death of her servant, John Brown.

William Black has already constructed the plot of a new novel, "Judith Shakespeare." The time is the seventeenth century; the place, Stratford-on-Avon.

The French papers are having a gentle laugh at Victor Hugo, whose name is posted among the delinquent tax-payers of Jersey for non-payment of taxes on two dogs.

Mr. Moody, the evangelist, has commenced a Christian convention at Chicago for the purpose of considering the prosecution of evangelistic work during the coming winter.

Nearly a million dollars' loss was the result of a fire on Broadway, New York City, on the evening of the 18th. Several firemen were overcome by the smoke, and taken to the hospital.

Victor Hugo has lately been giving his opinion of American poets. He calls Mr. Whittier "a womanly versifier," Mr. Lowell a "smart chatterer;" Oliver Wendell Holmes, "afflictingly laughable;" and regards Poe as the "prince of American poets."

A little paper published in Manzano, New Mexico, and called the *Gringo and Greaser*, is printed entirely with italic type. It presents a good opening for young writers who imagine that their language is stronger and more forcible when set up in italics.

At the recent session of the United General Conference of Methodists, it has been decided to strike out the word "obey" in the marriage ritual. This is in accordance with the progress of the age. There has been for a long time a strong feeling of objection to putting the particular obligation of obedience on the wife.

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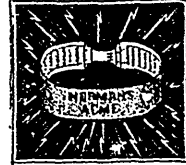
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