

Books.

It is not often that a contributor to a magazine spends five millions or so of dollars in fitting himself to write knowingly of a subject. But, if popular report be true, that is, approximately, the sum which Joseph Leiter expended in the acquisition of the information necessary to prepare the article which appears over his signature in the November *Cosmopolitan* on "Wheat." This is Mr. Leiter's first appearance in literature, but he handles the pen with a bold, firm hand that shows him a man of resources.

Another *Cosmopolitan* contribution which will appeal to every man and woman is the attempt of Harry Thurston Peck to analyze the component parts of the modern Woman of Fascination. By what does woman fascinate? Is it beauty? grace? spirit? charm of manner? what? Evasive question! But Mr. Peck goes at it as a man who has studied and has had experience.

The New Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for November is the initial number in the new and improved form of this long time favorite illustrated family magazine, with a handsome cover in colors and gold. Its price is reduced to ten cents, one dollar per annum. This is unquestionably a wise and popular move on the part of the publishers; and the return of Mrs. Frank Leslie to the editorship of the magazine assures for it a future as brilliant as its past has been prosperous.

The current (November) number of the new *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* makes good its promises in a splendid table of contents, which includes: An illustrated symposium on "Greater America," with contributions by Col. A. K. McClure, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Senators Chandler and Davis; "With Wheeler and Roosevelt at Santiago," by the Rev. Peter MacQueen; Clara Barton on "Red Cross work in Cuba"; Walter Camp on "Football"; Mrs. Frank Leslie on "The Southern Woman"; "Converting Silver into Gold"—an account of the wonderful discovery of Dr. Stephen H. Emmens; the opening chapters of "April Bloom," the new serial story by Egerton Castle (author of "The Pride of Jenico"), illustrated by Wenzell.

The Companion for the Rest of 1898.

The principal attractions offered by *The Youth's Companion* for the remaining weeks of 1898 provide a foretaste of the good things to follow in the new volume for 1899. To the first issue in November Frank R. Stockton will contribute a humorous sketch, entitled "Some of My Dogs," and in the same issue for the week of November 10th will appear Rudyard Kipling's thrilling story of the heroism of soldiers in the ranks, "The Burning of the *Sarah Sands*." In the seven issues to follow there will be contributions by Lord Dufferin, William D. Howells, J. E. Chamberlin, the American war correspondent, Mary E. Wilkins, Hon. Thomas B. Reed, the Marquis of Lorne, Mme. Lillian Nordica and I. Zangwill. Those who subscribe now for the 1899 volume will receive every November and December issue of *The Companion* from the time of subscription to the end of the year free, the Companion Calendar for 1899 free, and then the entire 52 issues of *The Companion* to January 1, 1900. An illustrated announcement of the 1899 volume and sample copies will be sent free to any one addressing *The Youth's Companion*, 211 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Ballington Booth's Experiences.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, of "The American Volunteers," is writing out her experiences in American prisons, and in the slums of New York, for *The Ladies' Home Journal*. Mrs. Booth has perhaps come closer to the lives and confidences of the men and women in prisons, and to know the poor better, than any woman living. She will not only tell what she has seen, but she will point out what her experience has shown her to be the most effective way in dealing with the people of the prisons and the slums.

The Companion's New Calendar.

The calendars given by *The Companion* in former years to all subscribers have been remarkable for their delicacy of design and richness of coloring. But the Calendar for 1899 far surpasses any of those. The publishers have endeavored to make it the finest calendar of the century, and readers of *The Companion* will not be disappointed in it. Those who subscribe now will receive, not only the gift of the Calendar, but also all the

issues of November and December, from the time of subscription, free. The new volume will be the best *The Companion* has ever published. Among the contributions already engaged are: "The Little Demons of War," by Hon. Jno. D. Long; "Opportunities for Young Explorers," Sir Clements Markham; "The Boy with a Voice," David Bispham; "The Wonders of Somnambulism," Dr. William A. Hammond; "Police Spies in Russia," Poultney Bigelow; and "Where Living is Cheapest," Hon. Carroll D. Wright. Fine illustrated announcement and sample copies will be sent to any one addressing *The Youth's Companion*, 211 Columbus avenue, Boston, Mass.

Anderson's Physical Education.

We have received from the publishers a copy of "Anderson's Physical Education." This is the latest work of Dr. W. G. Anderson, the well-known Professor of Gymnastics at Yale University. The book treats of every phase of body building, and is "up to date" in every particular. There are special chapters devoted to professional people, business men, women and children. It tells you how to decrease your weight if corpulent and increase it if thin. It gives valuable measurement charts for both men and women. Every reader interested in better health, greater strength, grace, self-control, elegant carriage should possess a copy of this work.

The book is full of good suggestions for all classes. The parent who is anxious about the narrow chest of the child—the young man who is worried about his lungs and stooping shoulders—the business man on the verge of collapse—the busy editor, lawyer or minister alarmed because of an overtaxed brain and its resultant sleeplessness—the society woman who finds the adipose tissue accumulating too rapidly over the abdomen—the housewife who can no longer climb the stairs without losing her breath—the young lady who is troubled about the bones in her neck showing and slight bust development can all find in this book much that will benefit and help them. We know of no work that gives so many useful and helpful suggestions in such compact and readable form. The illustrations, about one hundred in number, are taken from drawings in life.

The book will be sent postpaid by the publishers for 15c. Address—
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