

RANDOM READINGS.

Our advertising columns again present some very interesting information for all buyers in the wide variety of lines we represent

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A facsimile edition of the celebrated Vienna Genesis, belonging to the Emperor of Austria, the oldest illuminated purple vellum manuscript of the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, has just been published in Vienna. The original consists of twenty-four leaves, $12\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inches with from thirteen to seventeen lines, written on both sides, and with forty-eight miniature paintings. It dates from the fifth century.

Italian publishers retain the copyright on the works they print for eighty years, after which the works become public property. The Government has just published a decree, however, that after the expiration of the copyright the works shall revert to the state, which will tax reproductions. The first important work to come under the new law is Rossini's "Barbiere de Siviglia," first produced in February, 1816, the rights in which were given by the composer to the musical academy he founded at Pesaro. Instead of becoming public property, the

proceeds from the opera will go to the Government, which will use them for the support of Rossini's academy.

The original giver of discount in England, if his autobiography is reliable, was James Lackington, who flourished the latter end of the last century. He commenced what became a most successful business career by selling apple pies in the streets. He opened as a bookseller with a capital of £5, and in a few years was selling books "at the rate of a hundred thousand volumes annually." He mentions in his memoirs that the doors of the trade saleroom were closed against him, by reason of his underselling remainders to the detriment of the trade and to his own exclusive interest. He was boycotted by his contemporaries, but found an easy way of obtaining the goods which he desired to purchase by employing agents and unscrupulous members of the trade.

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