

Books of the Month.

THE May list of novels of the Copp, Clark Co. includes several very attractive books besides those mentioned previously. For example, "In Search of Made-moiselle," announced for May 22, is an American romance of the old British Colonial days and is a good story. It deals with the romantic and highly picturesque episode in American history of the struggle between the French and Spanish for the possession of Florida. This furnishes the background for a charming story of the love of an Englishman for Diane de la Nothe, a French Huguenot of noble family, who has been exiled from her native land. A handsome poster has been got out for this book. "The Magic Wheel," by John Strange Winter, is a modern love story with an occult strain to it, involving the finding of her lost lover by a girl through some mysterious influence. A cloth \$1.50 book, by Ethel F. Haddle, author of "An Original Girl," entitled "A Mystery of St. Rules," is also well spoken of as a coming attraction.

Of books to come before Summer sets in, mention is made of "Mdlle. Fouchette," a novel of French life, which is highly spoken of. Its author, C. T. Murray, delineates a charming heroine, who, having been lost in infancy by her parents, is brought up as a pauper, becoming an artists' model and living the life of the Quartier Latin. When she discovers her true parentage, she makes a sacrifice for the sake of her sister, and effaces herself. Robert Barr's newest book is called "A Prince of Good Fellows," and relates sundry adventures of King James V. of Scotland, who was fond of prowling about incognito as Scott pictured him in "The Lady of the Lake." The stories are in Barr's gayest vein and very entertaining. "Love's Itinerary," by J. C. Smith, author of "Lady Barbarity," is a new story shortly to appear. (The Copp, Clark Co.)

A rather remarkable theme is that of "A New Trafalgar," by A. C. Curtis. (The Copp, Clark Co.) It is based on an imaginary naval war of the near future between the British navy and the combined fleets of Continental Europe. Needless to say, the British Empire wins out.

The noted Canadian writer, Charles G. D. Roberts, has written a new book. It

will shortly appear in sumptuous form from the Copp, Clark press. It is entitled "The Kindred of the Wild," and will be illustrated with 51 full-page drawings of animal life by Charles Livingstone Bull. The book will retail, in cloth, large 12mo, gilt top, at \$2. Mr. Roberts' latest work of fiction makes a most interesting addition to the slender stock of nature classics. He has studied with close and unwearied attention the lives of the great eagle lord of the air; Hushwing, the owl; Kehonka, the wild goose, and all the furred and feathered creatures of the wilderness and the hunted trails. In view of the great and growing interest in the study of nature through the eyes of close observers and trained recorders like Mr. Roberts, this will be a book of great popular interest.

The summer catalogue of the Copp, Clark Co., for 1902, entitled "Pages of Pleasure," is now being got ready and will be out about the first of the month.

An illustrated catalogue of books relating to China, India, Africa, Japan, Formosa, Korea, Arabia, Tibet, Madagascar, Persia, the Holy Land, and books on the history and results of missions has been issued by Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. The catalogue is a useful and handsome one, and a copy can be had of the publishers, 30 St. Mary street, Edinburgh.

Fisher Unwin, the London publisher, with an eye to the agitation against the new British tax on the food of the people, has issued a new cheap abridged edition of Mr. Morley's "Life of Cobden." It will be issued immediately as the "Free Trade Edition" at the popular price of 6d. Canadian libraries not having the dearer edition would probably want this one.

The fourth edition of "The Magistrates' Manual," which The Carswell Co., Limited, Toronto, have just issued, is probably one of the most useful and indispensable manuals which appear in Canada. It is eight years since the last edition. All the changes in the law, brought about by statutory enactments or judicial decisions, have been incorporated in the 790 pp. of this book, which is practically necessary for all magistrates, justices of the peace and also much appreciated by lawyers. The book-

seller who proposes to push this work among the probable purchasers in his own locality—and this he should do promptly and instructively—will find in the preface a convenient summary of contents. Many justices of the peace are quite ignorant of their duties, and yet are very suitable people to hold that office. It should be pointed out to them that the Manual contains a general sketch of the procedure before justices, with a summary of all offences of which J.P.'s may be called upon to take cognizance, etc.

Nature books are timely for the next few months. "The Brook Book," by Mary Rogers Miller (\$1.25), with many Summer and Winter scenes in a kind of colortype illustration, is the latest. It is altogether attractive for prizes, presents and Summer reading.

Alice Caldwell Hegan has made a decided hit in her quaint, homely story, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which bids fair to be one of the best selling books of the year. The story is a second "Birds' Christmas Carol" in its simplicity, its delicate mingling of humor and pathos, and its broad humanity. The reviewer of Harper's Weekly has this to say of it:

I picked up a little book the other day, attracted by its odd title—"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"—and I have seldom been so pleasantly beguiled in the humdrum of reviewing as I was by this humorous picture of genre life in Kentucky. It is the other side of the life depicted in Mr. Allen's exquisite Kentucky idylls. The cabbage patch," synonymous with the "kail-yard" in Scottish song and story, is a new crop in Southern fiction, and the writer, Miss Alice Caldwell Hegan, can safely be hailed as a fresh arrival. Her artistic touch, her gift of humor, her sense of the tears of things shining like sunshine after rain, are stamped with individuality, and an inimitable talent which should carry her far. The pages are as fresh and dewy as a spring morning. Mrs. Wiggs and her plucky boys, Jimmy and Billy, and the girls with their geographical names, Asia, Australia and Europa (even the horse was christened "Cuby") are a delightful enlargement of the lovable types Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin has created in American fiction. In fact, Miss Hegan is in her own way, the Mrs. Wiggin of the South, and I know of nothing so entirely novel and refreshing as her little book since "The Birds' Christmas Carol." I, for one, wish success to Miss Hegan and "Mrs. Wiggs," whose philosophy comes out in passing round the cake: "Somehow, I never feel like good things belong to me till I pass them on to somebody else.

In an extended review of Mr. Mair's "Tecumseh and Canadian Poems," The Buffalo Illustrated Express remarks: "Mr. Mair's poetic drama, first published in 1886, is in our estimation entirely worthy of this new and handsome reissue. We like Mr. Mair's patriotism. His treatment of the character of Harrison is just, and he