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RECENT MAGAZINES.

Distinguished as ever is the list of contributors to the
 August *Atlantic Monthly*. The Rt. Hon. James Bryce leads
 with his address on What Do We Mean by Progress?
 It is particularly interesting, both because of the subject
 and the international fame of the writer. Other contribu-
 tors are John Burroughs, on Nature and Animal Life; and
 there are instalments of interesting reviews, fiction and
 poetry.

The *Living Age* for August 24th and 31st reproduces the
 whole of *The Quarterly Review's* important article upon
 President Roosevelt and the Trusts, a very instructive re-
 view for those who would arrive at a correct understanding
 of this important subject. The peculiarly senseless and
 sanguinary manner in which the Americans celebrate the
 Fourth of July is sharply treated in a recent article re-
 printed by *The Living Age* from the *Nineteenth Century*.

The August number of *The Canadian Magazine* contains
 a good supply of short stories and excellently illustrated
 travel articles. The art features are exceedingly good.
 An article entitled Party Government, by Professor Gold-
 win Smith, and some others, furnished the more solid
 reading for the month.

The August *Chautauquan* is called the "Niagara Preser-
 vation Number." It is illustrated, and contains several
 interesting articles showing why this great scenic attrac-
 tion should be preserved.

In the *Delimitator* for September is an article on Saving
 the Child, a story of life as it passes in the children's court,
 which is a striking commentary on child life in the slums
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 International Dictionary have just issued a hand-
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 dictionary, "The Dictionary Habit." Sherwin
 Cody, well known as a writer and authority on
 English grammar and composition, is the author.
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 ly acquiring the dictionary habit. A copy will be
 sent, gratis, to anyone who addresses the firm, G. &
 C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Mass. Should
 you not own a copy? Write to-day.

A very good essay was that written by a lad of
 ten years in a New England school in competition
 for a prize on "How to Overcome a Bad Habit:"

Habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter
 it doesn't change a-bit. Take off another letter and still
 you have a bit left. Take off another letter, and the
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