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The *Ladies' Home Journal* for June contains the conclusion of Julia Magruder's story "The Violet," which, although interesting and pure, must, to some extent, give young ladies at least an extravagant idea of what they may expect in life. That is, however, one of the few things which can be said in criticism. Besides it there is an abundance of charming, useful and excellent material provided in the number which opens with one of Whitcomb Riley's poems, "Cassander," illustrated by a drawing from the skilful hand of A. B. Frost. Jerome K. Jerome contributes "A Story of the Town," and Lilian Bell gives "Woman's Rights in Love" from her clear sighted and humorous standpoint. "The Pardoning Power and Impeachment is explained by ex-President Harrison in his series of articles this month. Ruth Ashmore speaks of "The Critical Girl."

"Our Common Speech." By Gilbert M. Tucker. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. A collection of six papers on topics connected with the proper use of the English language. The first essays are especially interesting, dealing as they do in an original and clear way with the use of words and the changes that have been made both in meaning and use since the English language has possessed a widely-read literature. Towards the latter half of the book the author more particularly examines the language as used by the English and by the American peoples. Here, unfortunately, the matter seems to become personal, and one might almost suppose that the use of English words occasioned more than a little bitter feeling between the two countries. It would be more profitable to consider it from the standpoint of a philologist. Mr. Tucker has, however, put together much that will be

of pleasure, not merely to the student of language, but to any reader of intelligence.

"Mechanics for Beginners," by W. Gallatly, Macmillan & Co., London, through their Toronto Agent, Copp, Clark & Co. Special prominence has been given by the author to the treatment of work, power and energy, and bearing on these and kindred subjects will be found a large number of useful examples. In the division Dynamics special attention is paid to the explanation of acceleration and of Newton's Laws.

From William Tyrrell & Co., King St., Toronto, we have received "Cleg Kelly," the latest work of S. R. Crockett, which has been issued in Macmillan's Colonial Library. Those who have read "The Stickit Minister" will remember that some five or six of its most enjoyable sketches were devoted to the characteristics of the Edinburgh small boy in the person of Cleg Kelly. The present story is a continuation of his history. Saying so much will be sufficient inducement to those who have already made his acquaintance to seek it further, but for the information of those who have not it may be said that here again Mr. Crockett manifests the tenderness of insight into the mind of all young things which has made everything he has written of children a success. It is a thoroughly good and bonny story which we have pleasure in recommending to our readers.

"The Universities of Aberdeen, a History," by R. S. Rait, published by James Gordon Bisset. Many graduates of a university might find it an agreeable task to compile the history of their Alma Mater; but few would bring to it, along with affection and reverence, the ardor and patience in research, compilation and judgment which is necessary in carrying any history to a successful issue. All this has been