

of the stern old monarch and his court—is continued and new scenes are introduced to the reader. "The Detective" is a story. The writer vouches for the truth and correctness of the statement he therein makes. "The Detective" is interesting and at times quite dramatic for a short story. The late William Gilmore Simms—a celebrated American novelist who died some months ago—furnishes a short, humorous story which he calls "How Sharp Snaffles got his capital and wife." There are many clever hits scattered throughout and some of them are very funny indeed. The way Sam got even with the old "Squire" is good and will provoke something more demonstrative than a mere smile. This is probably the last story written by the late author. It is therefore valuable on that account apart from the interesting nature of the story itself. "Literary Forgeries" should be read largely by those singular but misguided beings who contemplate writing for the press. There is much to avoid and considerable for them to learn from a perusal of it. "The Faun of Praxiteles" is a fair poem, containing some good points. It is rather too ancient in idea to be much read by the masses; but those who read it will be amply remunerated for their trouble. "Madame Mère" is a clever and powerful biographical sketch of this celebrated woman to whom France is so much indebted. The editor's various departments in *Harper* are unusually terse, epigrammatic and humorous. Harper & Bro., New York.

THE CANADA BOOKSELLER for September is an excellent issue. The various articles are well written and display considerable tact, while the bulletin of English, American and foreign publications is of much value to both the reader and the bookseller. This quarterly journal is a thing new to Canada and we hope that it is gaining the support it so richly deserves. It is beautifully printed on fine paper by the proprietors, Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto.

THE AMERICAN BOOKSELLER'S GUIDE is in many respects similar to the above, only it is got up on a much more elaborate scale and its news department from different parts of the world is very full. Some attention is given to new music, and a regular list of such literature is given every month. There are several attractions about the *Guide* and every number displays some mark of improvement. The American News Co. of New York issue this publication.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Capt. Mayne Reid, who was ill a short time ago, is now restored to health. He is about commencing a new series of juvenile books.

Henry Ward Beecher's long promised *Life of Christ* is nearly ready at last. It will be published, beyond doubt, this fall.

The "Lothair Necktie" has just come out.