

A BILL establishing eight hours as a legal day's work for miners was passed to a second reading in the British House of Commons recently by a large majority. Mr. Gladstone, in commenting upon the probable effect of the measure, said that he did not believe that a diminution of the output would bring about an increase of wages. All were agreed, he said, that it was not a party question, and the government could not be identified with it. He was personally unwilling to interfere with the freedom of adult labor, but the present case seemed to justify an exception to the general principle, since the majority of the miners were in favor of the proposed restriction. He would therefore support the bill under reservations, and would not consent to the extension of its provisions to Northumberland and Durham, where there was a strong opposition to the proposed limitation. Since the action of the House of Commons above referred to, the annual demonstrations in favor of an eight-hour day have been held in the principal cities throughout the United Kingdom. At all the meetings held resolutions in favor of the eight hour day were passed, and the success of the eight-hour bill for miners was hailed as an earnest of further progress.

**BUNN'S MAGAZINE** for June opens with the second article in the series on "Men's Occupations," which is to be a feature of the coming months, including among its contributors W. D. Howells, W. Clark Russell, Julian Ralph, and John Drew. The article in the present issue is "Life in a Logging Camp," by Arthur Hill, President of one of the great Michigan lumber companies. Ernest E. Thompson's contribution entitled "The Birds that We See," is noteworthy. Mr. Thompson is a skilful artist as well as an ornithologist, and his text is fully illustrated from his own drawings. Among the elaborately illustrated articles is Robert Blum's third and concluding paper giving his impressions of Japan, with a very rich selection from his sketches of Japanese life. The fiction in this issue is abundant and unusually attractive. The number includes poems by H. C. Bunner, Edith M. Thomas, E. S. Martin, and others.

The latest arrival in the arena of trade journalism is *The Canadian Engineer*, published in Toronto and Montreal, and devoted to the mechanical, mining, marine, locomotive, sanitary and other branches of the engineering trades. The new paper is very practical, and besides many technical and illustrated articles, contains a budget relating to the mechanical, mining and general manufacturing trades of Canada. The subscription price is \$1 a year. The address is: *The Canadian Engineer*, Co., 62 Church street, Toronto, or, the Fraser Building, St. Sacramento street, Montreal.

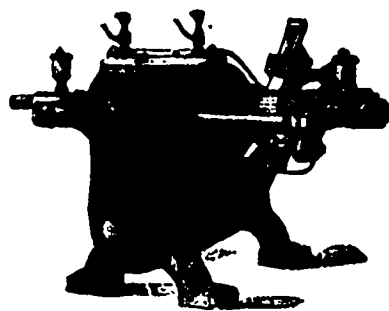
**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING** for June gives especial attention to the preparation and serving of food, while not neglecting those other matters of household interest to which its columns are ever open. Among the special articles may be mentioned Miss Parlo's "Household Market Basket," "An Experiment in Bread Making," "A Flower Banquet," "Strawberries," together with the usual variety of recipes, all put in concise and instructive form. Good Housekeeping is not alone invaluable to the young housekeeper, but in every home it will be found helpful and inspiring, on account of its high aims and faithfulness of purpose. Clark W. Bryan Company, publishers, Springfield, Mass.

The whisper of perfumed breezes and the song of foamy waters are prisoned in the wholesome pages of *Outing* for June. The contents are as follows: "Black Bass Fishing," "Shore Birds and Shore Bird Shooting," "After Kangaroo," "All for a Life," "The Sailing Yacht of To-day," "An Apache Dance," "Kings of the Trotting Track," "Canoeing on the Cascapedia," "Athletic Records," "Past and Present," "Leopold's World Tour A-wheel," "Canadian Militia in Action," and the usual editorials, poems, records, etc.

**GODEY'S LADIES' MAGAZINE** for June is as breezy and delightful as ever. There are two elegant water color portraits, one of Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the late Mr. Jefferson Davis, of Confederate States fame, and the other of Miss Estelle Doremus, daughter of the celebrated Professor R. Ogden Doremus, of New York. The illustrated fashion plates will no doubt attract the attention of those for whom they were intended—the ladies. The literary matter is, as it always is in Godey's, first-class in every respect.

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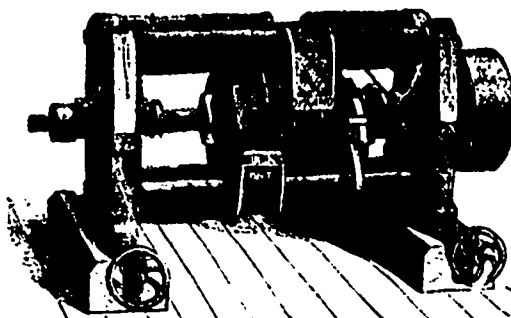
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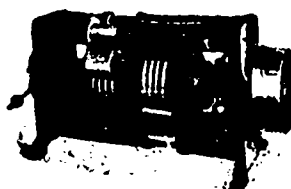
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