

"The Graysons, A Story of Illinois;" "Salisbury Cathedral," illustrated; "Abraham Lincoln—The call to arms"; "An Eastern Legend"; the conclusion of "Au Large"; "Franklin's Home and Host in France"; Russian State prisoners"; and a highly interesting account of "Colonel Rose's Tunnel at Libbey Prison" and his escape; with much other interesting matter.

HON. HORACE DAVIS, lately elected to the presidency of the University of California, will have an article in the forthcoming (March) *Overland*, developing his theory in explanation of Shakspeare's sonnets. He finds in them the record of much of the inner life of the great poet, and convincingly defends his interpretation.

ST. NICHOLAS for March contains a Frontispiece, "Little Babie Stuart;" "An Ancient Haunt of Pirates," thirteen illustrations; "Tracks in the Snow," six illustrations; "The Hobart Treasure;" "The People we Meet," eight illustrations; "Pansies for thoughts;" "Tom's Bride;" "The Bronzed Kid Shoes," a poem; "Edward Athoy," eleven illustrations; "Child Sketches from George Elliot. III. Daniel Deronda;" "A Pig that Nearly Caused a War," with a map; "Drill, A Story of School-boy Life;" "Accidental High Art," six illustrations; "A Regular Boy" Verses head piece and six illustrations, very funny and "For very little folk" (illustrated); altogether a very good number.

BOOK CHAT for February, Brentano's publishers, 5 Union Square, New York, gives a long list of magazines and reviews with the principal articles classified under subject and indexed up to date on current magazines; also a list of the principal books published in February and what the book is about. Anyone who has waded through a vast field of periodical literature for the latest thought on any certain topic will appreciate the value of Book Chat.

THE GREAT AMHERST MYSTERY, is a forthcoming sensational book by Walter Hubbell, a "true narrative of a genuine haunted house," to be issued at an early day by Brentano's, 5 Union Square, New York. The author undertook to expose a supposed fraud but found, it appears, that there was no fraud about it.

THE "Annals of Surgery," the only English Journal published devoted exclusively to Surgery, enters now upon its 4th year. Drs. L. S. Pilcher, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and C. B. Keetley of London England are the chief editors, and are assisted by most of the able Surgeons of this country and Europe, which is a sufficient guarantee of its literary merits. We bespeak for it the co-operation of the members of the profession who are interested in progressive Surgery. J. H. Chambers & Co., St. Louis, Mo., are the publishers and deserve great credit for undertaking to produce such an important Journal as the "Annals" and for its high artistic execution.

VICKS "Floral Guide" for 1888 comes laden with a great deal of valuable information on flowers and plants of all sorts with colored illustrations as natural as life, to be obtained, we believe free, from James Vick, the great seedsman, Rochester, New York.