

able revenue-producing figure, is what no fellow can find out.

The fact is, pin-tickets can be purchased in Toronto and many other places in Canada at the same prices as are charged in the United States; and if the dry goods concern alluded to went abroad to buy what could have been supplied at home, it was either from a desire to have foreign goods, imagining them to be superior to Canadian goods, or because of inexcusable ignorance of the fact that such goods could be had at home. No doubt Mr. Foster would be delighted to take the Globe into his confidence and have its valued assistance in reforming the tariff—at some other time, but not at this time. No, not at this time. The tariff is now being reformed by its friends, not its enemies.

The Interstate Commerce Commission have sent us its "Fifth Annual Report on the Statistics of Railways in the United States." Attention is called to the fact that this report is issued six months nearer the date to which it applies than any previous statistical report published by the Commission. Even with this gain, however, it seems proper that some explanation should be made in regard to the time consumed in its preparation. It should be borne in mind that the railways are not required to file their reports until two and one-half months after the close of the fiscal year ending June 30th, and, as a matter of fact, many roads do not file them until from six to ten months after that date. In this lies the chief cause of delay, and until the prompt filing of reports can be secured, it cannot be overcome. In order to produce accurate and reliable statistics, it has been found that from eight to nine months are required after the reports are filed for their proper verification, adjustment, and tabulation, and the necessary time for printing.

The personality of a famous man can at times be brought delightfully close to us, and this is true of the picture we get of Nathaniel Hawthorne in his youngest daughter's description of "My Father's Literary Methods" in the March Ladies' Home Journal. The Rev. Lyman Abbott writes of the different relations of a church to its choir,

and Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney gives the second of her "Friendly Letters to Girl Friends." Mr. Stockton carries "Pomona" still further in her travels abroad, and makes her adventures funnier with each letter. "My Literary Passions" continues to afford Mr. Howells opportunity for expressing his estimate of books and their authors, while the editor discusses with much force three or four phases of a young man's life in the outer world. Three exquisitely illustrated fashion pages, "The Art of Dressing the Bride," "The Early Spring Bonnets" and "The Early Spring Gowns," are given by Mrs. Mallon, and Miss Hooper contributes two equally valuable ones on "Colors and Materials for Spring" and "The First Spring Sewing." Miss Sewell gives much practical counsel on "What to do in Emergencies." The cover of this March issue, typical of Phillips Brooks' doves, which always hovered round Trinity Church, and do still, the work of Henry Sandham, is most artistic and makes this magazine a thing of real beauty. Published by The Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, for ten cents per number and one dollar per year.

Mr. Appleton Morgan opens the March Popular Science Monthly with a severe arraignment of prohibition under the title "Abolish All Prohibitive Liquor Laws." He denounces these laws as ineffectual and inexpedient, and as standing in the way of better remedies for intemperance. Frederic Houssay describes, with illustrations, certain industries of animals which closely resemble some industries of man. The origin of right-handedness is treated by Prof. J. Mark Baldwin, who gives the results of experiments upon his infant daughter. John G. Rothermel gives a popular account of what has been discovered concerning Fossil Man, describing, with illustrations, the Neanderthal, Spy, Cro-Magnon, and other famous skeletons. Amherst W. Barber contributes a dish of horrors perpetrated under the European law of torture, which was in force down to about a hundred years ago. Under the title "Customs and Superstitions of the Mayas" there is a curious assortment of the beliefs of this people, contributed by Mrs. Alice D. Le Plongeon. Sir James Crichton Brown, M.D., writes on biology and ethics, with especial reference to the survival of the fittest among mankind. There is an article on the action of massage upon the muscles, by Dr. Douglas Graham, the well-known authority on massage. The first of a series of papers on "The Ice Age and its Work," by the distinguished scientist Alfred Russel Wallace, appears in this number. In the Editor's Table the evil of partisan appointments to public office, the demoralizing effect of sensational and trivial journalism, and the scientific blunders of imaginative writers are considered. New York, D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

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