

at a bare margin) so occupy the purchasers' time that there is no leisure for book reading, consequently no books purchased.

Well, some people as long as they do a large volume of business are content; profits of no moment.

The Education Department orders that Creghton's Epoch Primer of English History, authorized in 1879, Edith Thompson's History of England, authorized in 1877, and Collter's History of the British Empire, authorized 1867, be removed from the list of authorized books on and after the 1st day of July 1887.—*The Educational Weekly*.

This should be ample time to dispose of these books.

In the United States there is a decided boom in lawn tennis, and being the latest craze is in a measure displacing, at least for the present, other out-door sports in which ladies join. Contrary to the general idea orders for croquet continue to be large.

After ten years' trial playing cards are still used largely in the United States for advertising business. brewers and tobacconists are the chief users. Each card has the advertiser's name and business on the back.

MOVE WITH THE TIMES.—We are pleased to notice that J. H. Gallagher, book and notion dealer, is one of our most progressive young merchants. He believes in "moving with the times." The new plate glass front just completed in his store in the Rennie block is an evidence of his progressive qualities. Mr. Gallagher opened with a small stock in July, 1885, and since then has had to have his store enlarged to meet the demands of his steady increasing business. The great secret of his bargains and success in business is that he sells for cash, and asks only small profits on his goods.—*Napanee Beaver*.

"Yes," said the bookseller; we have a great deal of fun in our line of business; but I presume a great many of the things that seem funny to us would not strike the ordinary observer as specially amusing. For instance, a person came in, the other day, and wanted to know the price of a set of Mr. Waverley's novels. Another asked for a list of David Copperfield's works in paper bindings. A lady, looking for something to read, was recommended by one of my clerks to try something of George Eliot's. 'He is a good writer,' said she; 'I have read a number of his works, and like them very much.'—*Exchange*.

NOT THAT KIND OF A HEN.—The Rev. Dr. Hayden of our city (Cincinnati) published a book on "Lay Effort." This book being called for in one of our large city bookstores, the clerk informed the customer they were out of that book, but could give him something on the same subject, at the same time bringing him a book on "Poultry."—*W. A. Ingham*.

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