

SCRIBNER FOR JUNE.

The element of timeliness which is found, to some extent, in every number of SCRIBNERS' MONTHLY, is particularly noticeable in the June issue, just published. The first paper to be turned to by most readers, will perhaps, be the second part of Col. Waring's "Sanitary condition of New York," entitled "The Remedy," and recommending a complete system of house and street drainage, applicable to any house or locality. "An August Morning with Farragut"—a vivid account of the great admiral's famous victory at Mobile, by Lieutenant J. C. Kinney, who was on board the *Hartford* throughout the fight, and tells the true story of the lashing. His account is confirmed and supplemented in a letter in the same number from Commander J. Crittenden Watson, who was also an officer under Farragut. Other papers which come under the head of "seasonable," are: a brief sketch of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, accompanied by a full-page portrait, engraved by Cole, together with an unpublished sonnet written by Disraeli in 1839;

Lovers of light reading will find plenty to interest them in this number. There is the opening instalment of several pages of "A Fearful Responsibility," by W. D. Howells (the "fearful responsibility" being an American girl); "A Rainy Day with Uncle Remus,"—five new fables told in his inimitable style, by Joel Chandler Harris; the second instalment of George W. Cable's "Madame Delphine," which is full of action; "Fritz," a bright history of a pet bird; "Along the North Shore of Long Island," describing a canoeing trip by Charles H. Farnham, with charming illustrations by Vanderhoof and Lungren; a description of lobster-fishing and lobster canning, contributed by W. H. Bishop, with illustrations by J. C. Beard and Burns, a travel article, by Miss Gordon Cumming, giving account of a visit to "The Largest Extinct Volcano" in the world, with an illustration of the crater.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR JUNE.

The children's magazine, ST. NICHOLAS, is, in the present volume, fully satisfying the demands of those parents who desire that their children's reading shall be not merely interesting, but instructive. It is now presenting, in serial form, two "features" which combine entertainment with a rich store of information.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY FOR JULY, 1881.

A very striking article on "The Races of Mankind" opens "The Popular Science Monthly" for July. It is an abstract from the new and admirable work of E. B. Tylor, F.R.S., on popular anthropology. The paper is profusely illustrated with finely executed representations of all the leading modifications of the human family, and we have nowhere seen so excellent a summary of the distinctions and characteristics of the races and tribes of men as are exemplified in this comprehensive article. There is an article on "The Phenomena of Death" by Dr. Thomas D. Spencer, who clears away a group of current superstitions in regard to this physiological process. He shows that the common notions about "death-agonies," "death-struggles," and the "pangs of death," are grossly erroneous, and that in the last moments of life pain and death seldom go together. Death is generally made painless by an anæsthetic kindly provided by Nature. The departments are full and varied, and the number is one of unusual attractiveness. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents per number; \$5 per year.

CASCARA SAGRADA.

Dr. R. W. Alexander, in the *Therapeutic Gazette*, describes a case the symptoms in which were relieved by this remedy. He says of the patient:

Her condition at this time was as follows: Sal-low complexion; general emaciation; broad, flabby tongue, coated with a thick, yellow, fur; foul breath; cardialgia; headache; habitual constipation; liver enlarged, with considerable pain upon pressure. I ordered two preparations of cascara from a druggist in this city, who had gotten some for my special use. The first was Dr. Bundy's preparation, which I intended should meet the dyspeptic condition of her system, and is as follows:

℞ Cascara sag. fl. ext. (P. D. & Co.) ʒ ij;
Acid hydrocyanici dil. ʒ ij;
Malt extract. fl. ʒ ij;
Berberis aquifol. fl. ext. fl. ʒ j.

M. Sig. A teaspoonful after meals, or oftener, if there is pain or distress with belching of gas or wind from the stomach.

In addition to the above I ordered the second, as follows:

℞ Cascara sag. ext. fl. (P. D. & Co.) ʒ ij;
Syr. hypophosphit. co., ad. ʒ iv.

M. Sig. A teaspoonful at night when the bowels fail to move during the preceding day.