

She throws the ring; Pitt, at the other end of the game, catches Canada!

"The mills of the gods in their slow grind have reversed the conditions of the contestants; the Norman Conquest of England becomes a British conquest of New France. The descendants of the twenty thousand barbarians who landed at Hastings had but come to claim their own. Life is 'moving music.' The third movement in this historic sonata had come back to the original subject, even though the return to the tonic had opened in a minor key.

"Gentlemen: I commend to your keeping the honor of France," says the dying Montcalm.

"Now, God be praised, I will die in peace," and Wolfe expires.

"The fiercest of the conflict ever rages round a bit of bunting on the end of a stick. The lilies of France come down; up goes the Union Jack, to usher in the birthday of the Greater Britain, and Horace Walpole says: 'We are forced to ask every morning what victory there is, for fear of missing one.'

"Voltaire gives a fete at Fernay to celebrate the deliverance from fifteen thousand leagues of frozen country; the Pompadour tells her Louis that now he may sleep in peace; and outsiders ask of Pitt that which a celebrated novelist a century later did of his hero—what will he do with it? 'The more a man is versed in business,' said the experienced Pitt, 'the more he finds the hand of Providence everywhere.' But Providence would need to have broad shoulders if generals, kings and statesmen are to place all their doings there."

#### STANDARD LITERATURE ABRIDGED.

The University Publishing Co., New York, have issued an edition of standard works in condensed form for use in schools. They are bound in paper and neatly printed. Each single number costs 12½c. and the double number 20c. They are issued fortnightly, except during July and August, and the yearly subscription is \$2.50. The principal works of Sir Walter Scott, Dickens, Victor Hugo, Washington Irving, Hawthorne, Hooper, Swift, Lord Byron, and other lights of British and United States literature appear in this edition. It doubtless supplies a want or the publishers would hardly go to the trouble of abridging literary masterpieces.

#### MAP OF THE KLONDYKE.

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ada. The trails and routes by which to reach Dawson City and other points are marked in red lines.

#### POOR'S RAILWAY MANUAL.

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#### MONTREAL NOTES.

"The Christian," by Hall Caine, has certainly had a phenomenal sale, and the demand is as strong as ever. "Equality," by Edward Bellamy, which recently appeared, has also met with great success. Both of these books are issued in a special Canadian edition by the Montreal News Co.

The Montreal News Co. has a book coming out next month, "The School for Saints," by John Oliver Hobbes. The edition is a 50-cent paper one.

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Among the books for the coming season are "Simond Dale," by Anthony Hope, and "Lochinvar," by Crockett. Both are being published by the Montreal News Co. in special paper editions for Canada.

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