

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION

The Announcements in this advertisement and those which will follow will enable the friends of THE COMPANION to judge somewhat of the scope and character of the reading that will be given in its columns during 1892 — the sixty-fifth year of its issue.

Nine Illustrated Serial Stories.

The Serial Stories for the coming year will be of rare interest and variety, as well as unusual in number.

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| Lois Mallet's Dangerous Gift. A New England Quaker Girl's first Contact with "World's People", by | Mrs. Mary Catherine Lee. |
| A Tale of the Tow-Path. The Hardships encountered by a boy who found Life at home too Hard for him, by | Homer Greene. |
| How Dickon Came by his Name. A charmingly written Story of the Age of Chivalry, by | Harold Frederic. |
| Two "Techs" Abroad. They set off on a Tour of the World in quest of Profitable Enterprises, by | C. A. Stephens. |
| A Young Knight of Honor. The Story of a Boy who stood at his Post while Death was all around him, by | Miss Fanny M. Johnson. |
| A Boy Lieutenant. A True Narrative, by | Free S. Bowley. |
| Smoky Days. A Story of a Forest Fire, by | E. W. Thomson. |
| Touaregs. A Story of the Sahara, by | Lossing G. Brown. |
| On the Lone Mountain Route; by | Miss Will Allen Dromgoole. |

Hints on Self-Education.

Articles of great value to Young Men who desire to educate themselves.

Hon. Andrew D. White, Ex-President of Cornell.
 President Timothy Dwight, of Yale University.
 President E. H. Capen, of Tufts College.
 President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University.
 President Francis L. Patton, of Princeton College.
 Professor James Bryce, M.P., author of the "American Commonwealth."

Practical Advice.

The Habit of Thrift; by **Andrew Carnegie.**
How to Start a Small Store; by **F. B. Thurber.**
Girls and the Violin. A Valuable Paper, by **Camilla Urso.**
A Chat with Edison. How to Succeed as an Electrician; **G. P. Lathrop.**
Boys in N. Y. Offices; Evils of Small Loans; by **Henry Clews.**
The Girl Who Thinks She Can Write. Three Articles of Advice by well-known Writers, **Amelia E. Barr, Jeanette L. Gilder, Kate Field.**

Five Special Features.

- A Rare Young Man.** Describing the life of a young inventor of extraordinary gifts, by **The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.**
Episodes in My Life. A delightful paper telling how he came to build the Suez Canal; by **The Count de Lesseps.**
The Story of the Atlantic Cable. Mr. Field's narrative has the thrilling interest of a romance; **Cyrus W. Field.**
Unseen Causes of Disease; Three admirable articles by the Eminent English Physician, **Sir Morell Mackenzie.**
Boys and Girls at the World's Fair. What Young Americans may do as Exhibitors; by **Col. George R. Davis.**

Glimpses of Royalty.

Housekeeping at Windsor Castle; by **Lady Jeune.**
How Queen Victoria Travels; by **H. W. Lucy.**
The Story of Kensington Palace; by **The Marquis of Lorne.**
How I Met the Queen; by **Nugent Robinson.**

Railway Life.

The Safest Part of a Train; by **Col. H. G. Prout.**
Success in Railway Life; by **Supt. N. Y. Central, Theo. Voorhees.**
Asleep at his Post; by **former Supt. Mich. Southern, Charles Paine.**
Roundhouse Stories. Humorous and pathetic, by **An Old Brakeman.**

Short Stories and Adventures.

More than One Hundred capital Stories of Adventure, Pioneering, Hunting, Touring will be printed in this volume. Among them are.

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| The Flash-Light. | Old Thad's Stratagem. | His Day for the Flag. |
| My Queer Passenger. | Very Singular Burglars. | Capturing a Desperado. |
| Molly Barry's Manitou. | The Tin Peddler's Baby. | In the Burning Pineries. |
| Shut Up in a Microbe Oven. | Blown Across Lake Superior. | The Boys and the Wild-Cat. |
| The Cruise of a Wagon-Camp. | A Young Doctor's Queer Patients. | On a Cattle Steamer in a Storm. |

The Illustrations will be improved and increased in number. The Weekly Editorials on the leading Foreign and Domestic Topics will be marked by impartiality and clearness. Household Articles will be contributed by well-known writers. The Children's Page will be more attractive than ever. The Illustrated Weekly Supplements, adding nearly one half to the size of the paper, will be continued.

"A Yard of Roses."

New Subscribers who send \$1.75 now, will receive THE YOUTH'S COMPANION FREE to January 1, 1892, and for a full year from that date. This offer includes the THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DOUBLE HOLIDAY NUMBERS and all the ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY SUPPLEMENTS. Any person who mentions this paper when subscribing will receive a copy of a beautiful painting, entitled, "A YARD OF ROSES." Its production has cost TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. Specimen Copies Free. Address,

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AN ANT FUNERAL.

A lady gives this account of some ants which she saw in Sydney. Having killed a number of soldier ants, she returned in a half hour to the spot where she had left their dead bodies, and in reference to what she then observed she says:—

"I saw a large number of ants surrounding the dead ones, I determined to watch their proceedings closely. I followed four or five that started off from the rest toward a hillock a short distance off, in which was an ant's nest. This they entered, and in about five minutes they reappeared, followed by others.

"All fell into rank, walking regularly and slowly, two by two, until they arrived at the spot where lay the dead bodies of the soldier ants. In a few minutes two of the ants ad-

vanced and took up the dead body of one of their comrades; then two others, and so on until all were ready to march.

"First walked two ants bearing a body, then two without a burden, then two others with another dead ant, and so on until the line extended to about forty pairs; and the procession now moved slowly onward, followed by an irregular body of about two hundred ants.

"Occasionally the two laden ants stopped, and laying down the dead ant, it was taken up by the two walking unburdened behind them, and thus by occasionally relieving each other, they arrived at a sandy spot near the sea.

"The body of ants now commenced digging with their jaws a number of holes in the ground, into each of which a dead ant was laid. They now laboured on until they had filled up the ants' graves. This did not quite finish the remarkable circumstances attending their funeral.

"Some six or seven of the ants had attempted to run off without performing their share of the task of digging. These were caught and brought back, when they were at once attacked by the body of the ants and killed upon the spot. A single grave was quickly dug, and they were all dropped into it."

ONE OF THE CONSPICUOUS WONDERS.

The *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, Montreal, has been enlarged and vastly improved. It is really a wonderful paper. Its success is phenomenal. It's not strange people are wondering how such a magnificent paper can be supplied for so small a subscription. People who are interested in the wonders of the age should see the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, of Montreal.