

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE

THE ILLUSTRATED NEWS OF THE WORLD (London News—Am. Edition), during the last month has contained a full page portrait of Prince Bismark, a fine double page portrait of Mr. Edison and another, full page, of general Von Caprive, the new Chancellor of the German Empire; also a double page illustration of "Eton College"; and another, "The Parade before the Prince of Wales in Berlin." We find too: "Reflections"; "Old Chums"; "Sunday Morning"; "Found;" and portraits of the Oxford and Cambridge crews, all full page, with the usual amount of highly interesting and instructive reading. "Armored Lyonesse," by Wlatet Basant, is keeping well up in interest.

THE CENTURY for April is remarkable chiefly for the variety of its contents. Two of Mr. Cole's charming artistic engravings accompany a paper on Giovanni Bellini, in the series of Italian Old Masters. It is claimed that American wood-engraving has never before been put to such important use as in this series. Mr. Jefferson's Autobiography reaches the Rip Van Winkle stage of his career. Two timely articles are: "The Latest Siberian Tragedy," by Kennan, in which is given a new account of the outrage at Yakutsk; and "The Slave Trade in the Congo Basin," by E. J. Glave, one of Stanley's pioneer officers.

PROF. JOHN FISK will open the Popular Science Monthly for May with an account of the life of Edward L. Youmans, including the story of his association with Herbert Spencer. Three chapters by Herbert Spencer treating respectively of "Animal Ethics," "Sub-human Justice," and "Human Justice," will also be given. Sumptuary Laws and their Social Influence will be discussed by Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, showing the absurd failures of laws against fine dress, costly food, and smoking, in Rome France, Turkey and England, and against the selling and drinking of alcoholic liquors in some of the United States.

SIX YEARS IN CENTRAL AFRICA, a stirring narrative of personal adventure in the wilds of that great lone land, by one of Stanley's pioneer officers, begins in the April St. Nicholas. Of this delightful magazine the *Christian Recorder*, Phila., says: There is a vast educating power in St. Nicholas. Its scientific articles are

reliable, its stories pure, and its engravings beautiful. *Baltimore American* says: One of its chief points is that in every issue there is some particularly instructive story which has been written for the purpose of kindling in the bright young minds, a love for something deeper and more substantial. *Book Notes* says: Never before has there been published so excellent a periodical for young people; and it is a positive fact it is just as good for old people (only there are none) as it is for young people; and *Critic* N. Y. says: St. Nicholas leads the van among the juvenile magazines on both sides of the Atlantic. The Century Co., 33 E. 17th Street, New York.

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