

of Glass," by Professor C. H. Henderson. The same number contains the concluding portion of Dr. Andrew White's article on "Demonic Possession and Insanity." Dr. Andrew White "seemeth to be somewhat," but, we think, many thoughtful readers will say, "he addeth nothing to me." Probably the best article in the number for most of our readers, will be that on "Natural Science in Elementary Schools." Sometimes the *Popular Science* is worth reading carefully, but at other times it is somewhat unsatisfactory, and many of its writers seem to have atheistical tendencies, so that its pages are occasionally disgraced by remarks about Christianity which are too spiteful to be scientific.

THE frontispiece of the February *English Illustrated* is a fine engraving of Moroni's Portrait of a Lawyer. Mr. F. Marion Crawford's new serial, Sant' Ilario, is continued; also a historical tale, "The House of the Wolf," by Mr. Stanley J. Weyman. The latter opens with a description of the streets of Paris after the massacre of St. Bartholomew, which was vividly described in the January instalment. The promised article on "Moated Houses" appears, with many beautiful illustrations, while travel papers on "Cognac" and "Dardt," and "Coridon's Song," from Walton's *Complete Angler*, and Mr. H. D. Traill's department help to make up a good number of this magazine which

will always be a favourite among refined and educated people.

Lectures on the History of England. By M. J. Guest. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co.) We had the pleasure of reviewing, some time since, the American edition of this excellent book, revised by Mr. Underwood to suit American schools (some of the best and most patriotic passages being necessarily omitted or spoiled), and now gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by a reprint (the second since 1879) of the English edition to invite the attention of our readers to a work which we consider the best brief history of our country and people we have ever seen. Professor Guest and his pupils in the College for Men and Women (London), having "wandered for some time in the intricate mazes of modern English grammar," turned to the study of English history as likely "to bring more interest, variety and fruitfulness to our work." The author writes of the England of long ago, and of later times, in such a brilliant, patriotic, vividly-descriptive manner that everything seems real, and we feel that we have an interest in it. There is not a dull page in the book. The volume is not quite as large as Mr. Green's admirable Short History, and is gotten up in the beautiful and finished style characteristic of all Messrs. Macmillan's work.

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