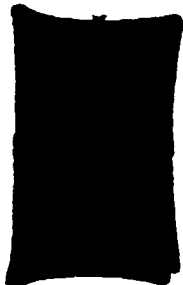


Francisco. It is a handsome book, printed on heavy paper, and complete in every respect. Many Canadian booksellers have bought it all the live ones. Unfortunately the rest of the trade are not sufficiently awake to appreciate a thing of this kind.

Cooper & Co. report new 50 cent books, as follows: "The Woman who Stood Between," by Minnie Gilmore; "Scarabaeus," the story of an African beetle, and "Disappearance of Mr. Derwent," by Thomas Cobb; and in 25-cent books: "The House of the Wolf," by Stanley J. Weyman; "Was She Guilty?" by Morris Redwig; and "The Umbrella Mender," and "Ships that Pass in the Night," in one volume.

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE.

Elsewhere will be found an advertisement of the International Bible. The publishers claim its superiority in the following terms: The type used in the Bibles is very plain and bold, giving an unusually clear and readable page. The references



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A DISCREPANCY.

The Kingston Board of Trade condemns the proposed grant to the fast Atlantic steamship line. A despatch says: "Business men in this and other cities in the West contend that what is needed is a line of large steamships that can be utilized to carry freight, cattle and grain at cheaper rates than at present, so as to compete with steamers sailing from New York to England. It is considered that at present the high steamship

freight rates are crippling the business done by Canada with Great Britain."

The present steamship companies, on the other hand, are complaining that if the new line is established there will be the dividing of a business which is none too profitable now.

There is a discrepancy somewhere. The present lines have a sliding scale on cattle, etc., whereby the charge is varied according to the price of the goods marketed in Great Britain. This would seem to indicate that they have too much of a monopoly. There is a great deal to be explained yet about this matter.

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