

ber inclusive, the thirteen numbers forming the first quarterly volume of 1894 will be sent free.

In spite of the forecast of some wayside critics of this continent, Jerome K. Jerome still lives, and, as far as his readers are concerned, lives very happily. Although *The Idler* for this month contains nothing from his own pen, he and Mr. Barr have as usual turned out a most readable number. The opening paper, "The Doctors of Hoyland," by Conan Doyle, offers an additional proof in favor of the contention just now urged by the truly womanly, strong-minded woman. "Topsy-Turvydom" is an amusing comparison between the customs and manners of England and Japan, and we also get in this number the somewhat Samantha Allen-like experiences of Miss Lavinia Moffat depicted by our own Sara Jeannette Duncan.

From *The Bookman* we learn this month that Mr. Barrie has written about two-thirds of his new book, and that George MacDonald's next novel is soon to appear; also, that Mr. Edmund Gosse will issue a new volume of poems. A paragraph of some length is devoted to the regretted death of "The Danbury News Man;" and, further on, the letter which has previously elsewhere appeared, "Scott's First Love," is noted for correction. The life of the late W. F. Poole, most famous of American librarians, is commented upon. In this number we get a review on the much talked of author, so long unknown, of "Margrédél;" and in addition to the usual amount of generally useful information there are some good book-notes. We cannot say that we anticipate much pleasure or profit from the book shortly promised from Mrs. Langtry. The two illustrations in this number are given to Mr. S. R. Crockett, and Dr. Johnson's house in Gough Square.

### LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, LL.D., has been elected President of The Canadian Club of Cornell University.

Dr. Daniel Clark's graphic paper read before the Canadian Institute entitled "The Pioneer Gold Hunters of California" was most vivid and interesting and it was founded on personal experience.

The strong literary movement in Philadelphia will be illustrated in the May *Harper's*, three out of six short stories in that number having been written by these Philadelphians: Mr. R. C. V. Myers, Mr. Owen Wister, and Mr. Richard Harding Davis.

Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt has written a letter on "The Common Sense of Civil Service Reform," which will appear in the May number of *The Century*. The words "and common honesty" might well have formed part of the title of this excellent letter.

Edwin Lord Weeks, the artist, is an enthusiastic mountain climber. He has written "Some Episodes of Mountaineering by a Casual Amateur" for the May *Scribner*. The striking illustrations are from sketches made by Mr. Weeks actually at the time of some of his most interesting adventures.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins has opened an office as Broker and Estate Agent at 9 Toronto Street. Mr. Hopkins represents the popular and long established English Fire Insurance Company "The Queen." We are sure that energy, business ability and force of character will win success for Mr. Hopkins.

G. P. Putnam's Sons announce the following publications: "In Varying Moods" (Am. ed.), by Miss Harraden; "Red Cap and Blue Jacket," by George Dunn; "The Upper Berth," by F. Marion Crawford—being the first volume of the *Antonym Series*; "Peak and Prairie," by Anna Fuller and Mr. Post's Harvard Stories.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. announce the following books: "Samuel Longfellow, Memoir and Letters," edited by Joseph May; "Samuel Longfellow, Essays and Sermons,"

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Messrs. Allen & Sachtleben, two young graduates of an American University, have written a graphic account of their remarkable journey from Constantinople to Peking, and this will be published in the *Century*, beginning with the May number. They met with many curious and startling adventures, and these they tell with a simplicity and modesty as if they were not unusual episodes in the rounding out of a college education. They took more than 2,500 photographs of scenery and phases of life that curious European eyes had never looked upon before, and many of these will be reproduced.

The *Boston Home Journal* has this bright picture of a well-known English novelist's home:—An admirer of George Meredith searching for the novelist will find him, a sturdy, broad-shouldered, vigorous man, at Box Hill, one of the dullest and quietest of the many dull and quiet towns lying just outside the noise and smoke of London. His home in the outskirts of Box Hill is a plain and unpretentious one, a small house of half a dozen rooms. The furnishings are modest, almost to the point of bareness, but the contentment and breezy spirits of the owner, and the sweet presence of its mistress, the novelist's daughter, make it a home in the true sense of the word. A low hedge surrounds the cottage from the front windows of which one can look for miles across sloping meadows, and a few hundred yards back of it commences a small wood, in the edge of which the novelist has built a tiny, one-story study and sleeping-room, where he does all his writing, and where only the most valued of his visitors ever gain admittance.

A new book by a Toronto scholar is announced entitled "History, Prophecy, and the Monuments," and is by Prof. McCurdy, of the University of Toronto. The book is practically an historical guide to the Old Testament, but at the same time it gives an accurate picture of the early condition of Western Asia, and of the rise and fall of those nationalities that laid the foundations of the ruling civilization and religion of the world. With the aid of the monumental discoveries of recent years, the author succeeds in making a connected story of the whole, and in showing the great motives which determined the mission and the achievements of the ruling peoples of the East from 4000 B.C., till the new era under Cyrus and the Persians. The material is drawn directly from the original sources; but the work is written in a popular style, and is so arranged as to be easily used as a text-book by college students or general readers. The first volume brings the story down to the fall of Samaria, 721 B.C. A second volume, to appear in about a year, will complete the work.

### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Richard A. Proctor. *Other Worlds Than Ours*. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.

Jeannette A. Grant. *Through Evangeline's Country*. Boston: Jos. Knight & Co.

Edward Eggleston. *The Hoosier Schoolmaster*. New York: Orange Judd Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. 90 cts.

Mrs. Humphry Ward. *Marcella*, Vols. I. and II. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: The Toronto News Co.

Th. Ribot. *The Psychology of Attention*. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company.

Goldwin Smith. *Oxford and Her Colleges*. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

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Edited by Sidney Lee. *Dictionary of Natural Biography*, Vols. XXXVII. and XXXVIII. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

J. W. Lanard. *History for Ready Reference*, Vol. I. Springfield, Mass.: The C. A. Nichols Co. Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchinson.

J. G. Bourinot. *A Canadian Manual on the Procedure at the Meeting of Municipal Councils, etc.* Toronto: The Carswell Co., Ltd.

Edited by Dr. Jas. A. H. Murray. *A New England Dictionary on Historical Principles*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

Walter Jerrold. *Bon-Mots*. London: J. M. Dent & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

S. B. Crockett. *The Raiders*. London: T. Fisher Unwin. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

George I. Putman. *On the Offensive*. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$1.25.

Mrs. Wm. Starr Dana. *According to the Season*. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. 75 cts.

The Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquiere. *A History of My Time*, Vol. II. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$2.50.

Mrs. H. M. Plunkett. *Josiah Gilbert Holland*. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$1.25.

Charles Augustus Stoddard. *Beyond the Rockies*. New York: Chas. Scribner's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. \$1.50.

Anthony Hope. *The Prisoner of Zenda*. New York: Henry Holt & Co.

### READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

IN ROMNEY MARSH.

As I went down to Dymchurch Wall,  
I heard the South sing o'er the land;  
I saw the yellow sunlight fall  
On knolls where Norman churches stand.

And ringing shrilly, taut and lithe,  
Within the wind a core of sound,  
The wire from Romney town to Hythe  
Alone its airy journey wound.

A veil of purple vapour flowed  
And trailed its fringe along the Straits;  
The upper air like sapphire glowed;  
And roses filled heaven's central gates.

Masts in the offing wagged their tops;  
The swinging waves pealed on the shore;