

## LITERARY NOTES

THE life story of E. H. Harriman, the man who reorganized the Union Pacific Railroad and created the "Harriman System" of Western roads, is at last told at length in the January *Review of Reviews* by Carl Snyder. Very little material of an authentic nature has heretofore been printed concerning this modern "Colossus of Roads," as the editor of the *Wall Street Journal* very aptly styles Mr. Harriman. The article by Mr. Snyder is both illuminating and convincing. It is based on a thorough study of the Western railroad situation, and of Mr. Harriman's relations thereto.

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IN the January number of McClure's will begin the Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy and the History of the Christian Science Movement. For the first time a complete, impartial and true story of Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science is to be had—it will run throughout the year. Georgine Milmine has written the story—for nearly three years she has pursued her study of the subject. Five other writers of McClure's staff have worked with her to make this story accurate, fair, unbiased and complete. In view of the fact that for some months the press has been full of diverse and conflicting news and statements regarding Mrs. Eddy, it is evident that accurate knowledge concerning her is difficult to obtain in a short time. Consequently McClure's long and thorough preparation of its series will give us for the first time a true history and account of her and her cult.

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## What It Costs to Run an Automobile

THE prospective automobile purchaser must realize even though he buys a runabout,—the smallest type of motor, carrying the driver and one other passenger,—he is not going to be able to keep the car in operation for \$5 or \$10 a month. It has often been said, and truly, that it is not the first cost of an automobile that counts so much as the maintenance expense. It may be possible for a man with a small car who motors modestly to get along with an expense of \$20 or \$30 a month if he has good luck and handles his car carefully and considerately, but the average cost of maintenance will be from \$50 to \$300 and even more a month. Here are some figures from bills I paid while the owner of a car of the runabout type with a single cylinder 8-horsepower engine and convertible body carrying two or four passengers. These are my expenses for seven months, from April to November, when I

covered nearly 10,000 miles. My bill for April follows:

April 1. Four hours time on adjustments.....	\$2.00
One gallon of cylinder oil.....	.75
Two inner tubes.....	15.00
Extra fan belt.....	1.50
6. Repairing puncture.....	.75
10. Repairing puncture.....	.75
12. One auto jack.....	4.50
14. Four hours' time adjusting.....	2.00
18. Half gallon cylinder oil.....	.38
21. Patching inner tube.....	.75
23. Two hours time adjusting.....	1.00
26. Extra spark plug.....	4.50
30. One month's storage.....	12.00
Gasoline for the month.....	10.00
Total.....	\$55.88

My bill in May was \$67.22 and was made up chiefly for mechanics' time in making adjustments, as I was not then familiar enough with the car to do this kind of work myself.—From "The Automobile and the Average Man," by Harry B. Haines, in the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for January.