

illness of 23 hours. The disorder of which he died is by some called the Crupe, by others an inflammatory Quinsey. He died perfectly in his senses and perfectly resigned. He said that he had no fear of death, that his affairs were in good order, that he had made his will, and that his public business was but two days behind hand."

### Grant Allen's Nom de plume.

Grant Allen kept well the secret of his authorship of "The Typewriter Girl" and "Rosalba," both of which he wrote over the pen name of "Olive Pratt Rayner." It was not till after his death that the English publishers of these two books betrayed the identity of their author, who certainly had had his share of adverse criticism for certain of his novels. Mr. Allen died on the day of publication of John Lane's new edition of White's "Selborne," which he edited.

### How much is it ?

Mr. Laverdan has the following in a recent issue of *L'Echo du Public*, of Paris :

Mr. Hermann was visited one day by a wealthy lord, who had come from England to consult him, and without listening to the explanations of his patient, he examined him for a few moments and then, placing a bottle under his nose, he said :

"Inhale this..... Well,..... you are cured."

The lord, visibly astonished, asked him :

"How much do I owe you ?"

"One thousand francs," answered the celebrated physician.

The lord, very calmly, drew a fifty pound bill from his pocket, and passing it under the nose of Hermann, he said :

"Smell this..... Well..... you are paid."

And he got off with dignity.

### Unknown to Brunet.

A very fine specimen of early printing, with hand-colored initial letters in red, which was unknown to Brunet is described in the recent catalogue of an English dealer. It dates from 1,500, prior to the time of pagination, and is said to present an appearance of good printing, such as many present day printers fail to attain. It is described as follows :

DU VAL (Robert, of Rouen). *Explanatio difficilium in Plinii Libris Naturalis Historiæ* [an Alphabetical Glossary of Terms used in Pliny's Natural History], unpagined in eights to m vii., cr. 8vo, also COMPENDIUM MEMORANDUM IN PLINII NATURALIS HISTORIÆ [a Compendium or Abstract of the Most Notable Things in Pliny's Natural History], unpagined in eights to q vi., 2 vols in 1, cr. 8do, newly bound in half brown morocco, good margins, printed in Paris by Baligault, for Durand Gertier, Bookseller to the University.

### Lines to Isadore

This poem, which does not appear in any of Poe's published works was given to the editor of the *Index*, Santa Barbara, Cal., by his cousin, Mrs. T. A. Poe.