

new prairie town. It is a story full of action and real life, with a strong flavor of the soil. Lefredo Hearn writes for this number of the *Atlantic* an explanation of Japanese art, which gives the Western reader the Japanese point of view, a thing that has never before been so plainly done; and European drawing is criticised from the Japanese point of view. Other papers in the August *Atlantic* are a sympathetic review of Eugene Field's career and works, a poem by Mr. Aldrich, and an invigorating account of a caribou hunt in Canada, under the mercury stood twenty degrees below zero.

"CHINA'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERTY," is the subject of a fully illustrated article in *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* for August. It is written by Fidel G. Pierra, one of the leading spirits of the Cuban Delegation in New York, and contains portraits of Generals Gomez, Maceo, Marti, Carillo, Sanchez, Garcia, Rodriguez and Palma, and some interesting views. Another feature of this number is an article on the Christian Endeavor Society, by Rev. Francis E. Clark, its president and founder, with many attractive illustrations. "The Making of a President," by Rufus R. Wilson, tells about nominating conventions, cost of electing a President, etc. There are illustrated papers on Salisbury and Wells Cathedrals. The fiction in this number is particularly good, as is also the department for young people, which contains contributions by Horatio Alger, Jr., Edward S. Ellis, Minna Irving and others.

The August *McClure's* justifies its title of a "Midsummer Fiction Number" in five short stories, all of them of such fresh and ready interest that one can read them without forcing himself and in spite of heat and humidity. Octave Thanet contributes a strong story of Western life; Stephen Crane relates a dramatic episode in the later life of the hero of "The Red Badge of Courage"; Clinton Ross tells a booming battle story, based on Perry's historic victory on Lake Erie; E. W. Thompson tells a humorous tale of the Canadian fishermen; and Annie Elliot describes a double love episode in a Yale and Harvard boat race. William T. Stead, whose personal studies of eminent men are always written with the utmost thoroughness and skill, describes the course of life by virtue of which Mr. Gladstone now, at eighty-six, serenely pursues his favorite studies in the full strength of all his faculties. These with other good things go to make up a strong number.

Seldom is so much delightful fiction presented in a single issue of a magazine as is invitingly arrayed in the short-story issue (August) of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. With the best contributions of such clever story writers as Bret Harte, Jerome K. Jerome, Sarah Parr, Lillian Bell, Jeanette H. Watworth, Caroline Leslie Field and Annie Steger Winston, the illustrations of such capable artists as W. L. Taylor, T. de Thulstrup, Alice Barber Stephens, Otto Toxsporn, Florence Pearl England and Clifford Carlton, divide attention and interest. A spirit of humor, not wholly unmingled with pathos, is imparted by Mr. Woolf's page of waifs—"Life's Comedies." In a practical vein are articles by ex-President Harrison, Rev. Chas. H. Parkhurst, D.D., and department editors. Ruth Ashmore addresses girls on "How to Be a Social Success." Another useful article, "Headaches and Their Cure," is contributed by four eminent physicians, who diagnose and prescribe. The *midsummer Journal* covers a wide range of topics and is exceptionally attractive.

Outing for August is as wholesome and refreshing as a breeze from the sea. The contents are as follows:—"A Bout with the Bluefish," by Ed. W. Sandys; "Plain John Miller," by C. P. Burton; "Through Virginia Awhel," by J. B. Carrington; "The Half-Raters," by R. B. Burchard; "Canoeing on Pamlico," by W. A. Brooks; "A Fog on Foot," by A. W. Quimby; "Ringing a Malaya Tiger," by Dr. J. H. Porter; "An Episode of Trout Fishing," by J. K. Mumford; "A Western Brook," by C. B. Comig, and the usual editorials, poems, and records.

The August number of *The Chautauquan* is replete with most excellent reading from the pens of the ablest writers, as is shown by the following selection from the table of contents:—"A Traveler's Views of New Mexico," by John R. Spears; "Where do the Immigrants go?" by Cyrus C. Adams; Sunday Readings, selected by Bishop Vincent; "German Universities," by Alja Robinson Crook, Ph.D.; "The World's Debt to Biology," by Henry Fairfield Osborn, Sc.D.; "The Indian Sign Language," by William H. Wessell; "On Conversation," by J. P. Mahaffy, D.D., D.C.L., Oxon.; "The Past and Future of Physical Education," by A. Mossos; "The Evolution of the Piano," by J. Torrey Comnor; "Tennyson's Women," by Eugene Parsons. The department of Current History and Opinion contains a resume of all the important events of the month.

The July number of *The Pulpit* contains the following sermons: "Christ, Humanity's Universal Magnet," by Rev. W. L. Pickard, D.D.; "Israel's Golden Fruitage," by Rev. J. B. Whitford; "Sermon to Business Men," by Rev. J. A. Eeob, D.D.; "Saving a Sacrifice," by Rev. John A. B. Wilson, D.D.; and a Flower Sermon, by Archdeacon F. W. Farrar, D.D. An excellent selection of eloquent and instructive discourses.

The Treasury Magazine for August, 1896, has an initial sermon by the Rev. Dr. J. Thos. Pate, of Camden, S. C. Dr. Pate is the subject of a biographical sketch, as are also Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe and the new Methodist Bishops, McCabe and Cranston, of all of whom portraits are given. The first article is an illustrated description of the work at Northfield, with a portrait of Mr. Moody. Dr. W. E. Barton, of Boston, contributes the second sermon, and there are outlines from several eminent preachers and college presidents. Prof. Small closes his series on Denominational Characteristics with an

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