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### The World.

The issue of the British elections is still in a measure uncertain, though it will have been decided by the time this number is in the readers' hands. The Liberals are already assured of a majority over the Conservatives, but whether it will be sufficiently large to outnumber the Conservatives and Parnellites combined is doubtful. In the absence of such a majority the Liberal leaders may scarcely care to resume office, and the Conservative Government may continue on sufferance. Home rule is, it is pretty clear, now within reach of the Irish, so far as the Parliamentary vote is concerned. But there will be found to be enormous practical difficulties in the way. The question of finding money to support the Home Parliament and carry on its administration of local affairs seems likely to prove an exceptionally hard one.

The long-impending revolution in Denmark appears to be coming very near. The city of Copenhagen is under the most despotic martial law, and the press throughout the whole country is gagged, several editors being in prison for discussing the outrageous conduct of the King and his Ministry. It is

impossible that the inevitable crisis can be much longer delayed. The people are said to be ripe for revolt and only waiting for the appearance of some bold and capable leader. The hour is pretty sure to bring the man. The old adage "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," seems likely to find a striking illustration in the land of the Danes before many days.

The expedition against Burmah has proved to be an almost bloodless conquest. The capture of Mandalay and the surrender of King Thebaw, virtually adds another great slice to Britain's vast colonial empire. From the fact that resistance was scarcely attempted and that Thebaw described himself as almost a prisoner in his own palace, it is pretty evident that the British were welcomed as deliverers rather than submitted to as conquerors. The change will no doubt be a happy one for the Burmese themselves while the new and profitable channels of trade that will be opened up will bring increased commercial prosperity to India and probably be not without effect even in England.

And now, it is said, the type-setter's occupation is surely gone. The capitalists and editors are sure they have, at Washington, so says the *Chicago Current*, a key-board that will cast a column of type each hour. Whether this may prove to be the machine that shall finally usurp the printer's place or not, the question of successful type-setting by machinery is probably one of time. The printer need not care much for his trade is not now a very good one. It may be that the coming revolution may work him good instead of harm by creating a greatly increased demand for some better and better-paid employment.

### The School.

By a typographical error, Dec. 10th is mentioned as the date for our publishing methods of teaching "Outlines of English History." It should have been Dec. 17th. We hope our friends will help this movement to develop practical methods.

Even the brilliant Homer sometimes nods, and so it is not, we suppose, to be wondered at, if the able *Journal of Education* occasionally slips, as it did last week when it assured us that either of its Series of Educational Portraits "would make an appreciative holiday present." The Italics are ours.

The committee appointed to adjudicate on the Arithmetic Competition Prize Questions have made their report. Their examination of the papers has led to some difficulty in awarding the prizes in the manner set forth in our announcement,