

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The next best thing to the reading of a good book is, perhaps, the perusal of an intelligent review of it—to me it is always a source of lively satisfaction—Gladstone.

AGAINST THE TIDES OF FATE.—By John Arthur Barry. Duckworth & Co., 3 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.; 351 pp., paper; Colonial edition, 2s. 6d.; cloth, 3s. 6d. A collection of 13 short stories is this book. They are mostly seafaring yarns, with some adventures in various parts of the world. The tales are readable and healthy.

DREAMS AND OMENS.—Translated from Nostradamus, Albertus Magnus, and other sorcerers. Cloth, 102 pp., 75c. Laird & Lee, Chicago. No doubt, the idea of this curious and interesting little book is to afford amusement to young people who wish to get up games and amusements for Winter evenings. The contents are said to be compiled from ancient documents and admirably illustrated. A belief in the meaning of

dreams is still very general, although not always acknowledged, and many men and women in all walks of life are guided, more or less, in business and family affairs by these mysterious warnings, concerning which no scientific explanations have been furnished. Even as a mere recreation, this dainty volume deserves, and is sure to meet, with popular recognition.

A MARRIED MAN.—By Frances Aymar Mathews. Cloth, 331 pp., \$1.25. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago. Paul Amory, a wealthy American, a man of scrupulous honor, marries unwittingly "a woman with a past." For the sake of the family name, he decides not to put her away. They go to Paris, and there Paul meets Leah Livingston. Falling in love with Leah, he treats her with respect. His wife dies. Leah falls

ill and is put in her shroud, so like is her state to death. But love calls her back to life and the book closes. The story is written with much display of intense emotion, and is for those who like sensations in priq

TWO CHUMS.—By Minerva Thorpe. Cloth, 230 pp., illus., \$1. Laird & Lee, Chicago. This story of a boy and his dog is a charming tale for young people. Pierre, a little waif from the Ardennes forest region, on the French-Belgian frontier, obeys the last wish of a dying grandmother by crossing the big pond in an emigrant ship on a quest after more or less mythical relatives. He reaches New York with 65 cents and his beloved dog, Jock, a St. Bernard of unusual devotion and intelligence. What fate is that of the two friendless chums in a foreign land is told in a bright, natural style, and with touches of real sentiment. After many hardships the boy meets kind friends and relatives, but Jock, the faithful dog-friend dies. This is a remarkably fine story that ought to be read extensively, and is sure to please parents and children alike. The illustrations are many and excellent; the binding is original and the whole book a most appropriate holiday present.



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