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Mr. Alfred Austin is among the latest additions to Madame Tussaud's exhibition.

A new novel by Miss N. O. Lorimer, entitled "A Sweet Disorder," was published in London last week. Three thousand copies have been bought for exportation to the Colonies.

A rumour reaches us that the author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" is to be made a D.D. of St Andrews. We wonder if "Drumtochty did it" would be a fair comment.

Mrs. Craigie is said to have a new story in course of construction "The Herb Moon" is to be the title, and it will differ in every respect from "The Gods, Some Mortals, and Lord Wickenham" type.

Any one who is curious to learn the merits of the dispute between Canon McColl and Mr. Knowles, of The Nineteenth Century, should read the pamphlet, "Editorial Ethics," by the former, just published by Messrs. Chapman & Hall

Mr. Justin McCarthy's concluding volumes of his "History of Our Own Times" may be expected the sooner that he has no longer the Chairmanship of the Anti-Parnellite party to dispute the claims of literature on his time and attention. A volume of reminiscences will follow this book, and readers of fiction will find hope that Mr. McCarthy has other work in contemplation.

The offer of Cowper's garden and summer-house, and the guinea orchard adjoining, situated at Olney, for sale by auction, has roused a correspondent of The Times to extract some references in the poet's works to his landed property. Cowper, it seems, hated sales, and wrote:

"Estates are landscapes, gazed upon awhile,
Then advertised, and auctioneer'd away."

A short time ago we heard that Shenstone's famous place "The Leasowes," near Halesowen, was in the market, and was actually going to rack and ruin for want of a tenant.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co.'s three-and-sixpenny edition of the works of Charles Dickens, with the original illustrations, will be continued next month by the issue of "Bleak House." Mr. Augustine Birrell has written an introduction for Borrow's "Lavengro," which is to be issued in "The Standard Novels" series by the same firm, and Matthew Arnold's "American Addresses," the fourth volume of J. R. Green's "History of the English People," and Sir J. R. Seeley's Introduction to Political Science, Two Courses of Lectures," will be included in the "Eversley Series."

The public will in future have no excuse for being ignorant of the leading arguments with respect to the more prominent political and social questions of the day, for Mr. J. B. Askew has compiled for them a handbook of such questions, comprising the *pros* and *cons* on either side of the discussion. The subjects have been arranged in a convenient order for reference purposes—partly systematic, but mainly alphabetical—and the whole will form a work of some three hundred pages, which Messrs Swan Sonnenschein & Co., Limited, are to publish at an early date. Mr. Askew has cast his net wide to cover the political, social, and religious arenas.

The March number of The Montreal Medical Journal will contain an article on the new method of Photography, illustrated with half-tone photo-engravings of the experiments at McGill Medical College by Prof. Cox. These appear to have been the most successful on this continent. One of the photographs clearly showed the location of a bullet in the leg of the patient operated on, and enabled the surgeon to quickly extract the foreign substance. They will be reproduced in the Journal, which will also contain a plate illustrating the procedure by which the result was obtained. As medical men are paying much attention to the development of the new discovery, there will be a good deal of interest in the article in question.



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