

Dr. Cass the highest solace he can possibly receive under the calamity which has fallen as a fatal blight upon the professional career and marred the fairest hopes and promise of an honourable and laborious life.—*Morning Post*.

4. HER MAJESTY'S HORSES.

Perhaps the best horses in the possession of Her Majesty are the dappled grey ponies used for the Highland excursions of herself and family. There are certain horses in the Royal stud, however, which are unique; for instance, the cream-coloured horses which are employed on State occasions by the Sovereign. These animals, first introduced by the Hanoverian Kings, are a special product of Hanover and the adjacent countries. The breed is kept up most religiously in this country at the Hampton Court establishment. These horses look small in contrast to the great gilt coach they draw, but in reality they are tall, scarcely one of them being less than 16½ hands, and they are proportionably strong, as the State harness for each horse, with all its furniture, does not weigh less than two hundred weight. These Hanoverians are, in fact, the last representatives of the old Flemish horses, once so fashionable. They are slow and prompt in their action, as befits horses destined to serve Royalty on State occasions. Some of them, still in use, are upwards of twenty years old; but they take life easily, airing themselves in the riding school in the mornings, and once a year or so doing the heavy work of taking the old gilded coach with its august burden from Buckingham Palace to the House of Parliament and back.—*Once a Week*.

5. MAXIMS TO BE READ OVER ONCE A WEEK.

Keep good company or none. Never be idle.
If you cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.
Always speak the truth. Make few promises.
Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any.
When you speak to a person, look him in the face.
Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue.
Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.
If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one will believe him.
Be temperate in all things.
Ever live (misfortunes excepted) within your income.
Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper.
Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind.
Never play at any games of chance.
Avoid temptation, through fear you may not withstand it.
Earn money before you spend it.
Never run into debt unless you see a way to get out again.
Never borrow, if you can possibly avoid it.
Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
Never speak evil of any one.
Be just before you are generous.
Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy.
Save when you are young to spend when you are old.
When you retire to bed, think over what you have been doing during the day.

6. SENSIBLE MAXIMS.

Never speak of your father as "the old man."
Never reply to the epithets of a drunkard or a fool.
Never speak contemptuously of womankind.
Never abuse one who was once your bosom friend, however bitter now.
Never smile at the expense of your religion or your Bible.
A good word is as soon said as a bad one.
Peace with Heaven is the best friendship.

VII. Short Critical Notices of Books.

—**SPEKE'S SOURCE OF THE NILE.**—The death of Captain Speke, of Her Majesty's Indian Army,† has, if anything, heightened the interest with which this book was first received by the public. It contains an almost daily "Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile," and is full of

incident and adventure. Captain Speke's narrative gives a more than usually satisfactory account of the character and condition of the various tribes with which he came in contact in his tedious and troublesome journey in and from Zanzibar. He has given so minute and graphic an account of his own personal intercourse with these tribes, that the reader can without difficulty form his own opinion of their merits and demerits—the latter being almost the only estimate which he can form of them. Although many of Captain Speke's conclusions are declared not to be sound, and some of his facts are questioned, yet he has nevertheless set at rest many vexed questions in physical geography and the problem of the source of the Nile. Had he lived the matter would have been thoroughly discussed with himself at the meetings of the Royal Geographical Society. It will, however, be fully investigated there. The work is an octavo, and is well "got up" by the Harpers. It is embellished with map, portraits, and numerous excellent illustrations.

—**READER'S SAVAGE AFRICA.**—This is another of Harper's series of 8vo. editions of works relating to explorations in Africa. The series already includes the following: *Livingston's South Africa*—*Barth's North and Central Africa*, 3 vols.—*Burton's Central Africa*—*Anderson's Okavango River*—*Du Chaillu's Equatorial Africa*—*Davis's Carthage*—*Speke's Source of the Nile*—and the present work (*Reader's Savage Africa*); in all ten volumes, 8vo., besides *Ellis's Madagascar* and fifteen other smaller books relating to Africa. This work of Mr. Reader's embraces "the Narrative of a Tour in Equatorial South Western and North-Western Africa; with notes on the habits of the Gorilla; on the existence of Unicorns and Tailed Men (Lord Monboddo's theory); on the Slave Trade; on the origin, character, and capabilities of the Negro, and on the future civilization of Western Africa." In the discussion of so many topics the author takes a wide range, and his conclusions may sometimes be wide of the mark. The information, however, which he gives of the present condition of Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cape Palmas, Cape Coast Castle, Ashantee, Dahomey, and other parts of the Western Coast of Africa, cannot fail to be interesting to the general reader. There is a map and numerous good illustrations in the book.

—**ANDERSSON'S OKAVANGO RIVER.**—"A narrative of travel, exploration and adventure, by C. J. Andersson, author of "Lake N'gami." With numerous illustrations and a map." This is one of the works referred to in the preceding notice. It is written by an African traveller of some experience, and contains a detailed account of his journey northwards from the Cape Via Walwich Bay through the Damara Land to the Okavango river, which is N. W. from N'gami. This edition of Mr. Andersson's book contains what is not in the original English editions, a good map of South Africa, shows the regions described by Andersson, Dr. Livingston, Cumming, Burton and Du Chaillu. It also contains several good engravings.

—**BURTON'S CITY OF THE SAINTS.**—"This forms another of Harper's illustrated octavo edition of books of travel and adventure. The writer is well known as the author of "The Lake Regions of Central Africa," and is therefore an experienced traveller. This book contains a sprightly and amusing account of Captain Burton's travels from the Missouri River across the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, by way of the Mormon Settlement at Salt Lake City. It also contains a detailed sketch of Mormon life at Salt Lake City and its delusions, besides much valuable geographical information of the regions traversed by the author. A number of good wood engravings are inserted in the work.

—**HALL'S ARCTIC RESEARCHES.**—"This is another of the handsomely illustrated 8vo. editions of books of exploration and travel. It contains an account of Charles F. Hall's "Arctic Researches, and Life among the Esquimaux; being the narrative of an expedition in search of Sir John Franklin in the years 1860, 1861, and 1862." Few subjects, except African discoveries, have given rise to so many interesting books of travel as the one relating to the search for the brave Sir John Franklin. The present work has an interest peculiarly its own, from the fact that Mr. Hall's researches were undertaken after the fate of Franklin was known to the world. His object was, if possible, to find some trace by Franklin's men—many of whom he believed to be still among the Esquimaux. With this view he has resided among them and studied their language. On the publication of the present volume, he has again gone to live among them—to gain their confidence, and by patient enquiry and research to endeavour to solve the remaining mystery of the fate of Franklin's men. The work is deeply interesting, and gives an admirable insight into the daily life of the Esquimaux. It is beautifully illustrated with one hundred excellent wood engravings. It also contains a good map.

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