

Laryngeal Neoplasms. By Walter F. Chappell, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., New York.

Six Years Experience in Abdominal and Pelvic Surgery. By A. Laphorn Smith, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., Montreal.

PUBLISHERS DEPARTMENT.

SANMETTO IN RETENTION OF URINE.

Have given Sanmetto a good trial, and find it one of the best preparations I have ever used. Case No. 1, John D., aged 70, Ireland, has been troubled for a long time, unable to pass his urine. After treatment with other remedies with no benefit, placed him on Sanmetto, with following results: The first day the pus increased in quantity, on second day diminished, by fourth day could urinate himself, before this he had to be catheterized. Dose: one drachm every four hours for the first three days, afterwards one drachm three times a day. Discharged in ten days, a complete cure of cystitis.

Bayonne, N.J.

A. C. FORMAN, M.D.,
House Phys. Bayonne Hospt.

A MAGAZINE'S INFLUENCE.

The enormous circulation of such a magazine as *The Ladies' Home Journal* can, in a sense, be understood when it is said that during the last six months of 1895 there were printed, sold and circulated over four million copies—in exact figures 4,058,891. Figures such as these give one some idea of the influence which may be exerted by even a single one of the modern magazines.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.

The March issues of *Littell's Living Age* give the usual feast of good things, brought from the field of history, biography, discovery, travel, romance and poetry. Among the many valuable papers which appear in these numbers may be mentioned "John Stuart Blackie," by A. H. Miller; "Our Limited Vision and the New Photography," from the *London Lancet*; "Reflex Action, Instinct and Reason," by G. Archdall Reid; "A Sister-in-Law of Mary Queen of Scots," from *Blackwood*; "The Two Dumas," by C. E. Meitkerke; "The Evolution of Editors," by Leslie Stephen; and "Florian," by Augustus Manston. LITTELL & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

APPLETONS' POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY FOR MARCH, 1896.

Mr. David A. Wells continues his account of "Taxation in Literature and History" in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for March, giving methods employed for raising revenue in ancient Greece and Rome. Under the title "The Failure of Scientific Materialism" this doctrine is sharply attacked by Prof. Wilhelm Ostwald, of Leipsic, who affirms that it should be replaced by a theory based on energy. Herbert Spencer contributes to this number a chapter on the "Painter" in his series on Professional Institutions. Prof. E. W. Hilgard shows that the salts in our alkali lands consist largely of plant food, and tells what means may be used to neutralize the harmful constituents. "Exercise as a Remedy" is discussed by Henry Ling Taylor, M.D., who shows how potent a curative agent exercise may be when carefully prescribed and how injurious it may be in some cases. Prof. William R. Newbold writes on "Normal and Heightened Suggestibility," giving some of his experience with hypnotic patients. James Rodway describes in a bright, chatty manner "The Coming of the Rains in Guiana." A scientific examination of the problems of "Acclimatization" and their bearing on the future of tropical regions is contributed by Prof. William Z. Ripley. Among illustrated articles are an account of an archeologic find by Prof. C. F. Holder under the title "The Ancient Islanders of California," and "The Story of a Monkey," by M. Dybowski. Prof. W. K. Brooks concludes his "Study of Inheritance" in this number; Prof. M. V. O'Shea contributes a thoughtful paper on "Educational Values in the Elementary School," dealing with the question, What studies are of most worth? and Gifford Le Clear corrects a misconception as to certain measurements of "The Velocity of Electricity." "A Sketch and Portrait" are given this month of the Ohio scientist William Starling Sullivant, who was acknowledged as the greatest American authority on mosses. "The Nature of Liberty" and "The New Natural History" are discussed in the Editor's Table, and the other departments are well filled with scientific brevities. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.