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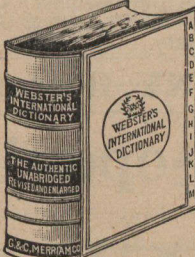
### The October Magazines.

The opening article in the October number of *The Chau-tauquan* is full of interesting information on "the Development of Railroads in the United States," and is accompanied by numerous illustrations. John Ashton discusses pleasantly and with an occasional humorous turn, "Social Life in England in the Seventeenth Century." The composition of the British Parliament and the process of legislation is explained by Prof. Burgess, of Columbia College. Dr. Paul Carus contributes a scholarly article on "Science at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century".... In the *Popular Science Monthly* for October Mr. V. O'Shea has an instructive article on the "Professional Training of Teachers" according to modern ideas... The *Delineator* (Delineator Publishing Company, Toronto,) for November will be a thanks giving number. Among other articles, besides those attractive to the thanksgiving season, will be an article on Private School Teaching as an Occupation for Women.... Dr. Gennadius' article in October *Forum* (New York) points out the absurdities of the present method of teaching classical languages, especially Greek, and urgently advocates the teaching of it, not as a dead language, but as a living tongue as it is spoken and written in Greece to-day. He puts his case very convincingly.... There is no better aid to the acquirement of a sound literary taste than the continuous reading of the weekly issues of *Littell's Living Age* (Boston). Gleaning as it does from the richest literary field that exists; skilfully and carefully winnowing the wheat from the chaff, it makes the reader acquainted with the best specimens of English literature, and keeps him abreast of the times on all the many questions of public interest; the various phases and departments of science and art; biography and history; travel and discovery; in short on every subject that touches modern life or interests the cultivated mind. .... Conspicuous among the contents of the *Atlantic* for

October is a timely paper entitled, "The Railway War," by Henry J. Fletcher, the author of a vigorous article on "American Railways and American Cities" in a previous issue. "The Railway War" is an excellent exposition of the lesson taught by the strikes of the past summer.... The most timely article in *The Century* for October is probably the interview with the Prime Minister of China in the concluding paper of the series "Across Asia on a Bicycle," which has the additional interest of being fully illustrated with half-tones after very unique photographs made by the bicyclers, Messrs. Allen & Sachtleben. A wood engraving of Li-Hung-Chang, from a photograph sent to the writers by the Prime Minister, accompanies the article.

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