

A self-made man arrived in California with only one shirt to his back, and since, he has contrived to accumulate *over ten millions*.

"It will *invariably* be found to be the case *as a rule* that when a fine sentiment comes from his pen, it is not his own."

The process of throwing the accent *back*, one which we may note constantly going *forward*.

NOTE.—This paper should have appeared in June-July number, and questions in that number on English Grammar, should have been credited to Principal Straing. Goderich.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The Summer number of the *Scribner* is as usual largely devoted to fiction. Charles G. D. Roberts contributes a poem in a much lighter vein than is usual with him. Among the stories specially worthy of note are "French for a Fortnight" by H. C. Bunner and "She and Journalism" by Harrison Robertson. "John March, Southerner," by George W. Cable, is continued. Octave Thanet contributes an excellent paper on "The People that we Serve," one of her series of American types. The topics discussed in the Point of View are "Domestic Service," "Degrees in Common Sense," and "The Talk in Novels."

A recent number of the *Overland Monthly* contains an article on the Canadian Exhibit at the Californian Midwinter Exhibition.

Littell's Living Age of the 18th of August contains a plaintive Irish song of considerable beauty by Katharine Tynan Hinkson, entitled "An Island Fisherman." Among other attractive features is a short story from the *Argosy* and "False Fire" from Blackwood's.

Sara Jeanette Duncan's story, which has been running in the *Youth's Companion* during the holiday weeks, has been brought to a close in a recent issue. It is a story of the Indian Mutiny, and unites with attractiveness

of plot a singular clearness and beauty of style which places it far above the ordinary child's story. The editors of the *Companion* are to be congratulated on the good judgment with which they combine the varied elements in their excellent paper.

"Originality and Self-Sacrifice" is a paper to be remembered in the *Sunday School Times* for August 18th, Prof. Morris Jastron, Jr., contributes a thoughtful paper on "Archæology as a Factor in Old Testament Study." Everything in the issue is intended to further and aid an intelligent teacher in his work.

The Clarendon Press has just published a useful text book, entitled "Practical Work in General Physics," which deals in a very satisfactory manner with the measurements of Lengths, Areas, and Volumes; Density, Barometers, the Simple Pendulum, Capillarity, etc. The directions and suggestions, descriptions, of experiments, etc., are all most clear and valuable, and the arrangement of the work is excellent. The writer is Mr. W. G. Woollcombe, M. A., B.Sc. of King Edward's High School.

An essay by Superintendent Hunt, of Winchester, Mass., on Geometry for Grammar Schools, recently published by D. C. Heath & Co. Boston, contains a discussion of how and why Geometry should be taught to junior