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Sir Oliver Lodge's work on Easy Mathematics, recently reviewed in these columns, is published by the Macmillan Company, of Canada, Toronto.

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### RECENT MAGAZINES.

One of the most striking figures in the recent development of Japan, Admiral Togo, is the subject of a deeply interesting article by Mrs. Hugh Fraser in *Littell's Living Age* for October 27. A Negro on Efficiency, by Miss H. C. Foxcroft, which the *Living Age* for October 13 re-prints from the *Fortnightly Review*, is a striking and sympathetic study of the career of Booker Washington, which, although written primarily for English readers, will be read with keen interest in this country.

The November *Delineator* treats of the established styles for autumn both in dress and millinery, and also devotes much space to the accessories of dress which women find so alluring. The three serial stories continue to hold the interest displayed in them from the start. Lida A. Churchill, in her Department of Real Life, discourses on Playing to the Upper Audience, George William Jordan gives good advice for When We are Face to Face with Trouble, and the fourth paper of Little Problems of Married Life treats of Making Marriage a Success.

From the *Canadian Magazine* for October: One hundred thousand immigrants in a single year was a good record. That was in 1905. The tale for 1906 is thirty-one thousand greater. To be strictly accurate the figures are 102,723 and 131,268. But were they as good, as desirable? This question is as easily and as favourably answered by the figures. The number from England increased by 16,288; from Scotland by 4,102; from Ireland by 1,020; from Wales by 27 and from the United States by 14,253. The continental increase was only 7,108. Therefore the class of immigrants improved. It is interesting to note that of the 131,000 immigrants, 78,106 were men, and 27,273 were women. The Canadian girl will have plenty of choice when it comes to the matter of a husband. Fifty-one thousand men without wives should seriously increase the competition.

The *Atlantic Monthly* for November is distinguished by the variety and excellence of its contents. The Ideal Lawyer, by Hon. Judge Brewer, is written by a leader of the bar who is now associate judge of the United States Supreme Court, some unpublished correspondence by David Garrick, by Professor George P. Baker, a foremost authority on some aspects of the English drama; and there are other notable essays with stories and poems, making an interesting number.

*Acadiensis* for October, D. Russell Jack, St. John, N. B., editor, completes an article on the union of the Maritime Provinces, by Reginald V. Harris. Its array of arguments and facts are carefully made and suggestive. Other noteworthy articles in this number are, Dr. Stockton's "Judges of New Brunswick and their Times," "Major Ferguson's Riflemen," by Jonas Howe, and "Major Thomas Hill," by D. Russell Jack.