

because it cuts the earth into two equal parts, and the meridians are great circles for the same reason, and the all-round fence which run in the same direction with the equator are called parallels.

By the way, here are some hard words to spell and define. Spell and define for your afternoon spelling lesson, equator, longitude, latitude, parallel, meridian, observatory.

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Books Received and Reviewed.

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The article in the *Atlantic Monthly* for February of especial interest educationally is that on "Physical training in the Public Schools," by M. V. O'Shea. In it is described what the author believes to be the best system of physical exercise for schools. In "The Subtle Art of Speech-reading," Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell gives her experience in learning to read the lips after she had lost her hearing, and "A Voyage in the Dark," by Rowland E. Robinson is the experience of one deprived of his sight. Mrs. Ward's novel, "A Singular Life," gains in interest, and two articles on Russia are well worth reading. The *Atlantic* reviews are always good. In the February number are a criticism of three English novelists, Meredith, Caine and Du Maurier, and an article on "Recent Translations from the Classics." The *Atlantic Monthly* is published by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The *University Extension World*, published by the University of Chicago, should be read by all interested in the university extension movement. The January number contains some very interesting articles, among which are "University Extension and University Degrees," and an illustrated description of Professor Geddes' University Hall, Edinburgh.

LESSONS IN THE NEW GEOGRAPHY, by Spence Trotter, M.D., and published by D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, U.S.A. The author believes that Geography is something more than the learning of names of places, that it holds an important position in the knowledge required in every-day life. The lessons are thoroughly descriptive—of men and manners, of plant and animal life, of physical features, as they are found in the various countries of the world, and treat generally of geography in its relations to life. The book is prepared for both pupil and teacher.

STORIES OF OLD GREECE, by Emma M. Frith, and published by Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, U.S.A. We are glad to recognize in the simply told stories of this little book our old friends, the gods and heroes, Apollo, Daphne, Orpheus, Prometheus, Epimetheus and Pandora, and the others. We are sure that all children will listen with interest to these old stories and take in, as well, the simpler