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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE STORY OF CANADA, by I. G. Bourinot, C. M. G., LL. D., D. C. L. Pages 463, price \$1.50. Cloth, Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Limited. The student of Canadian history will welcome the handsome volume before us for several reasons: The author is a well-known Canadian litterateur whose contributions are widely read and known; its textual appearance is above the average of Canadian books, and the illustrations in maps and portraits are very superior. It is a notable addition to Canadian historical literature.

MURCHIE'S DOMESTIC SCIENCE READERS, Book IV, Pages 219, price 1s. 4d. Published by Macmillan & Co., London. This book the fourth in the series of the Science of Domestic Economy treats of Food and its Composition, Clothing and Washing. The lessons are carefully graduated, and given in such a manner that all weariness is avoided.

PRÄKTISCHE ANFANGSGRUNDE, by Hermine Stüven, instructor in German, Boston, Mass. With easy lessons, vocabulary, grammatical rules, etc.; for beginners. Publishers, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. The aim of this book is to lead up to an understanding of the pure conversational German of the present day by systematically prepared exercise.

FRENCH PLAYS FOR SCHOOLS, with explanatory notes, by Mrs. J. G. Fraser. Price 1s. 6d. Publishers Macmillan & Co., London. These plays may be recommended to schools where French is taught, as an excellent means to interest and advance students.

January Magazines.

Popular Science News, 108 Fulton Street, New York, is of special importance to all interested in the sciences, hygiene, medicine and health. Each number contains about two hundred bright and interesting articles by the ablest writers in the world. It is profusely illustrated and free from technicalities, and interests all readers, even if they are not experts in science. Terms, one dollar a year. Sample copies free. . . . John B. McMaster's article on "A Century of Social Betterment," in the January *Atlantic*, gives many interesting facts. We learn that the great-grandfathers of many of us were men who never in the whole course of their lives used a match or a postage stamp, or heard a steam whistle, or saw a pane of glass six feet square. Business was done under great difficulties, and to carry a bushel of salt two

hundred miles by land cost \$2.50. . . . In the *Forum*, Dr. J. M. Rice continues his valuable series of articles on The Problem of Elementary Education, with a paper on The Essentials in Elementary Education. In the same number, David Starr Jordan has an article on The Urgent Need of a National University at Washington. . . . With the number bearing date January 2, *Littell's Living Age* begins its two hundred and twelfth volume. This sterling magazine loses none of its interest or value, but rather grows in excellence as its years increase—adding the experience of the past with the full appreciation of the needs of the present. . . . The current number of *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* presents a wide range of topics, nearly all of which are of general interest. In the Editor's Table Anxious Orthodoxy and Growing Illiteracy, or rather growing neglect of the mother tongue, are discussed. . . . Mr. John Dutton Wright of New York, an instructor of the deaf, contributes to *The Century* for January a paper on Speech and Speech-Reading for the Deaf, in which he says: "The majority of people will, I presume, be surprised to learn that there are today more than 2,500 deaf children in this country who are not only taught to speak and understand the speech of others, but are taught as wholly by means of speech as the children of our public schools." The paper is full of interesting details of the latest methods of instruction. . . . In the *St. Nicholas* series of "Historic Dwarfs," Mary Shears Roberts writes of Bertholde, a wise little Italian, whose shrewd wit made him the trusted adviser of the king of the Lombards, long ago. Annie C. Kuiper describes "St. Nicholas Day in Holland," which is not very different in its observances from Christmas day in our own land. . . . Magazine readers will enjoy a literary treat in *The Chautauquan* for January. With the French Academy as a nucleus, French literature, past and present, is made the subject of five attractive articles, three of which are profusely illustrated; many interesting topics are discussed in the department of Current History and Opinion. . . . *McClure's Magazine* commences a series of "Life Portraits of Great Americans" with reproductions of all the existing portraits of Benjamin Franklin known to have been made from life. . . . George Smalley, the famous correspondent in the January *Ladies' Home Journal* reveals "The Personal Side of Prince Bismark." He writes of the Iron Chancellor's home life, his wife and children, and shows him to be a man not all of iron.

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