

Marshall Saunders is at present contributing a remarkably entertaining serial to the *Youth's Companion*. It is entitled "Tilda Jane," and is the story of an orphan's escape from an orphanage.

"M. Rostand and the Literary Prospects of the Drama," is an important article in *The Edinburgh Review*, reproduced in *The Living Age* for January 5.

"Sarah Bernhardt in Her Teens," is an interesting article on the great actress written by Albert Schinz, and published in the January *Lit-pincott*.

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rope during the Nineteenth Century, but two nations have resisted it—Russia and Turkey.

This volume gives the history of this movement. The book will be of value to teachers as a book of reference, and should be in libraries for that purpose for the use of scholars.

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"Lord Jim," written by Joseph Conrad, is one of the most meritorious novels that has appeared for a long time. The Canadian publishers, Gage & Company, Toronto, are to be congratulated on issuing a book so artistic in conception and in accomplishment. "Stringtown-on-the-Pike," published by the same firm, appeared originally as a serial in *The Bookman* whose editors spoke most warmly of its merit and of the reception it has been given by the public.

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