

Another remark made in England is that it is wonderful to see men of good English family anxious to marry the daughters of large tradesmen or merchants. It must be remembered that in a new country everybody works. There is no rule of primogeniture here. Most of the merchants and tradesmen whose daughters marry gentlemen are themselves well educated, and very likely come of some good old Scotch or English stock.

In conclusion, one little word of advice to English parents. If the pretty, ladylike girls one sees about in England were only brought up to be a little more useful with their hands and heads, so that they might be able to live on small incomes if occasion required, and if society would encourage more friendly intercourse between the sexes than is possible at present—when a man needs to be engaged to a girl before he can study her character—I think we should have no need of the magazine articles and letters to the papers which are all too prevalent in England now on the vital question of "Why don't men marry?"—K. O. B., in the *Fall Mall Gazette*.

BOOK GOSSIP.

"One Woman's Way," is a readable but sad story by Edmund Pendleton, published by D. Appleton & Co. in their Town and Country Library. The scene is laid partly in Virginia and partly in Europe. The story deals with the life of a woman whose conscientiousness was carried to an extent that was painful, but finally she finds herself free from any claim whatever on her life and marries the lover who fancied he had given up all hope of her long before.

Worthington Co., 747 Broadway, New York, have just published as No. 21 in their International Library, "A Maiden's Choice," by W. Heimbürg, translated by Elise L. Lathrop, with over 80 photogravures. The book is written with a grace of style peculiar to this clever author, and the work presents a clean, natural story of German life. It shows not only a consummate blending of light and shadow, but also a delicate mingling of pathos and humor, stamping it all in all as a work of exceeding power. It is principally a story of two lives, a young girl's and a young officer's, former playmates, whose love for each other is materially interfered with by questions of rank, position, money and relatives. Price in paper, 75 cents. The same house has also published as No. 9 in their Rose Library, "Aemodous, or, The Devil Upon Two Sticks," by Le Sage, with designs by Tony Johannot. This is a new popular illustrated edition of one of the masterpieces of the world of fiction. Price in cloth, \$1.00; paper, 50 cents.

The Illustrated News of the World, which is the New York edition of *The Illustrated London News*, reaches its subscribers some time before the English edition, and is therefore highly appreciated. The cuts are clear and represent subjects in which all the world is interested. In the issue of Oct. 3rd we find pictures of Sir Robert Hart, G. C. M. G., Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, in his "den" at Peking; the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their baby; illustrations of the places in China where the riots occurred; hop-pickers starting from London Bridge railway station at midnight; Mr. John Rose, the new London police magistrate; the late Mr. Wm. Partridge; the autumn manoeuvres in Hampshire; several portraits of notable men; a portrait of the new Countess of Dudley; pictures from Central America; illustrations to Hall Caine's serial story, "The Scapegoat," and "The Prince's Whim," by Katherine S. Macquoid, and others of equal interest. Among the most attractive of the regular articles are James Payn's contributions under the title "Our Note Book," "Science Jottings," by Dr. Andrew Wilson, and Andrew Lang's readable writings. The subscription price is \$5 a year in advance, ten cents for single weekly copy. New World Building, City Hall Park, New York.

"Birds of Prince Edward Island," by Francis Bain. Our knowledge of the avian fauna of the neighboring province is very limited, and the present little book will be heartily welcomed by ornithologists, to whom anything from that quarter is valuable. One hundred and fifty nominal species are mentioned—a very small number when compared with the two hundred and forty which are mentioned in the latest catalogue of Nova Scotian birds. Much work yet remains to be done in Prince Edward Island, which in time we hope to see accomplished. After reading the pamphlet through, we regret much that Mr. Bain did not adopt some more modern nomenclature for his birds. Although he may not altogether endorse that of the American Ornithologists' Union, (and we ourselves do not do so in all details,) yet it is well to conform, for the present, to the views of most American scientists until the more conservative voices of Canadian naturalists can have greater power. In such books as the present, scientific names should in all cases be given, but this, unfortunately, Mr. Bain has not always seen fit to do, thus very much decreasing the value of his work—for exactness is one of the characteristics of science. This is especially needed when writing of the shore-birds, and *apropos* of this, we may say that these birds require far more attention than they have received in the Island. In general, Mr. Bain's notes are not full enough nor sufficiently specific, and more is required regarding distribution and abundance. There are many birds that he has surely overlooked; do not the following species occur in his district?—Wilson's Thrush, Magnolia Warbler, Catbird, Maryland Yellow-throat, (in index, but not in text,) Black-throated Green Warbler, Ipswich Sparrow (has been taken, *vide* Chamberlain,) Olive-sided Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Raven, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Richardson's Owl, Pigeon Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Hooded Merganser, Razor-billed Auk, Buff-breasted Sandpiper (occurring on the Island, according to Tileston.) Some of these are notable omissions, and the list might be increased. It would be well for the author to watch carefully for these birds. Is he certain he correctly identified the Seaside Sparrow (*A. maritimus*)? Chamberlain does not mention it in his catalogue of Canadian birds. Further particulars are desirable regarding such rare visitors as a Scarlet Tanager, a Red-bellied Woodpecker (!), a White-fronted Goose, etc. There are many other points

we would like to speak of, but in a column like this, which is not technical, such extensive notes would be obtrusive. At a future time we hope to see Mr. Bain, who is an enthusiastic naturalist, undertake a revised list, in which further particulars and greater precision will be found. He has almost been working alone in his locality, and therefore he deserves the sincere thanks of ornithologists for what he has already done. Now that a Natural History Society exists in his province, we hope he will have more helpers in his fascinating work.

The author of "Rutledge," one of the most popular novels ever published in this country, has written a new novel which is to be published shortly by D. Appleton & Co. The title of the forthcoming book is "An Utter Failure," and it is described as a work of remarkable interest. As many readers are aware, the name of the author of "Rutledge" is Mrs. Miriam C. Harris.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

AN ENTERPRISING FIRM.—Referring to the firm of Dunlap, Cooke & Co., of Amherst, N. S., the *Gazette* of that town says:—"The active spirit in building up the trade of Dunlap, Cooke & Co. until it has reached out into various parts of the Maritimes, and even to the Pacific coast, is George W. Cooke. Though only a young man, he is full of business enterprise and tact, is up with the times in estimating the value of printers' ink, and in fact a general hustler. The firm knows how to secure business by honorable straightforward methods, giving the best possible value for the price, and having secured it so as to retain it. This is evident in the retention of a large body of customers through a series of years. So rapidly has their trade increased that the premises specially fitted up for them four years ago, and believed to be ample for many years, have been found insufficient, and they have been obliged to seek more extended quarters. These were secured in Treen's brick block, and fitted up to meet their requirements, and to these they have just removed. A new department which the firm is introducing is the manufacture of men's and women's fur garments of all kinds. The comfort derived from wearing furs in this rigorous climate is bringing them into such general use that the opportunity for having fur garments made to order in our town will be generally appreciated, and doubtless a large trade will be the result. The firm will keep a large stock of the leading varieties, bought in the best markets. The work-room is in the third story, it is 66x25 ft., and thoroughly lighted. In a short time 50 people will be at work here, so as to keep abreast of the orders, for in addition to the two travellers heretofore on the road in N. B., the services of Joseph Sheasgreen, lately with Blanchard, Bentley & Co., Truro, have been obtained for the British Columbia trade, and he will open a branch of the business at Vancouver, but all clothing orders will be filled at Amherst."

The fine weather has enabled the Stellarton Brick Company to push work vigorously. By the end of this week the company will have turned out ten hundred thousand of brick of a superior quality. The demand is so great that not a brick has been yarded. As soon as the bricks are turned out of the kilns they are shipped to market.—*Journal and News*

IN THE MACHINERY HALL.—One of the most interesting machines to be seen working is the baby machine, which shows in a small way how nails are made in the extensive nail factory of Messrs. S. R. Foster & Son, on Georges Street. The operations of the small machine are watched with interest. In the firm's factory 13 machines are running full blast all the time turning out immense quantities of wire nails of all sizes. Besides these there are 42 nail and tack machines and a big spike machine weighing about eight tons, and these turn out cut and clinch nails, tacks and spikes ranging from the smallest tacks to the largest spikes. Nine polishing machines brighten up the products of the factory. About 60 employees are kept steadily at work, and the business of this enterprising firm is yearly growing. Although such a demand has sprung up for wire nails, the firm hold that the claims made for them are more than are warranted, and that the old-fashioned cut nail has much the best holding qualities. The cut nail separates the fibres of the wood and allows them to spring back, while the wire nail makes a clean smooth hole for itself and easily draws out. Tests have proven that cut nails have over double the holding power of the wire nails. The cut nails made by this firm are the strongest and best to be procured anywhere.—*St. John Gazette, Exhibition note.*

Nova Scotia has taken a new departure in the construction of lumber-carrying ships, by which a high rate of speed and sailing qualities and great carrying capacity are to be combined. The barquentine *Argentina*, built for the South American lumber trade, is the pioneer vessel in this recent addition to Canada's merchant marine. The *Argentina*, with a registered capacity of 583 tons, will carry 600,000 feet of lumber, while she can easily sail 12 knots an hour. She carries an immense deck load of lumber without any ballast whatever. She is expected to leave Montreal about 1st inst. for the River Plate with a cargo of lumber, the first of the season from that port to that part of South America. Allowing 10 days to clear the river and gulf, she expects to make the balance of the run to Monte Video in 40 days, making the time for the whole run 50 days or thereabouts. The average time for an ordinary sailing vessel from Montreal to the River Plate is about 70 days.—*Canadian Lumberman.*

The foundry of Weir & Morrison at Stellarton was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. Loss about \$3,000. The machine shops were saved. The proprietors were both former residents of Amherst; Mr. Morrison being the son of James Morrison of this town. Their many friends here will sympathize with them in their loss.—*Amherst Gazette.*