

THE *Atlantic Monthly* enters on its thirty-sixth year with the January number which contains the first part of a striking story by Mary Hartwell Catherwood. The scene is laid in Illinois, instead of in Canada, as so often has been the case in her stories. There are many notable articles in this number, including "George William Curtis," "The Feudal Chiefs of Acadia," by Parkman, "Coladi Rienzo," and others. Kate Douglas Wiggin contributes the first portion of a two part story called "Penelope's English Experiences," which renews the pleasure of those who read her "Cathedral Courtship."

"A PACIFIC Encounter," the complete novel in the January *Lippincott*, is pacifically pleasant and serves to wile away an hour. The poetry of the number is especially good. "Bringing Home the Cows," being by Charles G. D. Roberts. There is an article on "Foils and Fencing," by E. V. Schaick. Three biographical sketches illustrated complete the number.

THE January and holiday number of the *Overland Monthly* is to appear in a new cover in cream and gold. It promises to be a specially good issue.

VARIOUS interesting subjects are treated of in the January *Popular Science Monthly*. "Marriage and Kinship Among the Ancient Israelites," by Colonel A. B. Ellis; "Some Vegetable Malformations" and "Genius and Suicide" drive one to the conclusion

that a subject must be either gruesome, discouraging, or what an ordinary person would term slightly indecent before it becomes thoroughly interesting to a scientist. There is a well-told account of an independent invention of the lightning rod by a Bohemian named Divis.

THE University of Chicago which has recently opened its doors under such brilliant prospects, monetary and otherwise, is to issue in January a college monthly.

WE notice a decided improvement in the illustrations of the December number of the *Dominion Illustrated*. Miss A. M. MacLeod concludes her serial, "A Summer in Canada." There are three seasonable short stories and several interesting articles.

THERE is a charming poem entitled, "The Silent Pipes," in the *Littell's Living Age* of December 24th. "The Awkward Squads," a side-splitting tale, is reproduced from "Macmillan's." Another amusing story is called the "Comedy of Courtship." "Our Molten Globe," "Washington Irving" and "Impressions of Provence" complete the number.

OF all the stories hard to understand that Thomas Hardy has written, surely the "Pursuit of the Well-Beloved," which is at present appearing in the *Illustrated News of the World*, is the hardest. The issue of December 24th contains many interesting portraits of men of whom everyone is speaking. There is a short story and several pleasing sketches.

## TO OUR READERS.

We greatly regret that the present number did not appear at the usual time owing to the strike which occurred in the office of publication.

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