

Literary Notes.

Mrs. Burton Harrison, George P. Lathrop, James Whitecomb Riley, J. T. Trowbridge, and Robert Louis Stevenson are among the contributors to the Christmas St. Nicholas.

The Century will produce each month, for the present, a painting by J. G. Vibert, with a brief explanatory narrative contributed by the artist. The subject in the Christmas number is "The Grasshopper and the Ant."

Messrs. Harper & Brothers have recently published: "The Comedies of William Shakespeare," with many illustrations by Edwin A. Abbey; "The Red Cockade," by Stanley J. Weyman; and "A House-Boat on the Styx," by John Kendrick Bangs.

Capt. Charles King is writing a new story, which is soon to be published by F. Tennyson Neely. His latest work, "Fort Frayne," published in July, has already reached its sixth edition, and has evidently proven the most popular and saleable of all this author's writings.

A new edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's charming little book, "The Child's Garden of Verses," is to be issued immediately by the Scribners. It is fully and attractively illustrated by Charles Robinson, a young English artist whose work has attracted much favourable attention.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. published recently a Cambridge edition of the poetical works of Oliver Wendell Holmes; also Henry D. Thoreau's "Poems of Nature." This volume includes all of Thoreau's poems that it has been possible to procure, and cannot fail to be welcome to all admirers of the poet.

The statement has recently been made in several American papers that Will Carleton is writing very little nowadays, and stays at home nursing his health. The statement is true with these exceptions: Mr. Carleton writes more and lectures more than ever, has just published a book of new poems, has a book of prose nearly ready for the press, is in perfect physical health, and has been so almost uninterruptedly for the past ten years.

We learn that the poems of our Canadian poet, Mrs. Harrison (Seranus), have a good representation in the splendid anthology of Victorian poets forthcoming from Mr. Stedman. The Literary World says: "The Bookman has contributed to the amusing list of typographical errors by referring to the work as the 'Victorian Anthropology,' and comments that when the editor saw this in type he probably felt like committing anthropophagy."

J. A. Mitchell, the editor of Life, having won a reputation both as an artist and satirist, has just entered upon a new field with his novel, "Amos Judd," published by Scribner. He has done a very original thing in transplanting a young prince from northern India to the staid environment of a quaint New England village. The novel is, first of all, a love story. A weirdly supernatural element also pervades the tale, founded on the young prince's strange prophetic vision.

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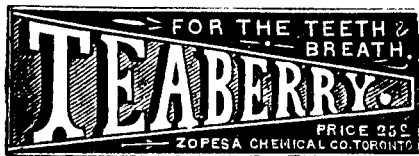
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