

Christmas pictures, and a characteristic poem, bright and tender in feeling, by James Whitcomb Riley "Little John's Christmas." The number is bigger than ever, having 144 pages, and presents a complete review of holiday literature in the form of many papers by distinguished writers, and scores of illustrations of much intrinsic interest. The leading illustrated holiday books, from publishers in all parts of the country, are reviewed in entertaining articles by Octave Thanet, Ripley Hitchcock, Sarah Orne Jewett, George Parsons Lathrop, Hamilton W. Mabie, Mrs. Burton Harrison, Professor James Baldwin, W. C. Brownell, and Rosseter Johnston. There are in the number more than sixty handsome illustrations from the latest holiday books, many of them full page, over thirty of the most artistic being printed in colors. In the brilliant array of illustrators are, among others, Howard Pyle, Edwin A. Abbey, W. Hamilton Gibson, F. S. Church, F. Childe Hassam, W. L. Taylor, St. John Harper, Walter Crane, F. T. Merrill, Frederick Remington, E. H. Garrett, and J. D. Woodward. The bold and novel design of the cover, which is printed in gold and crimson on tinted paper, unites with the other features to make it altogether an uncommonly rich and brilliantly attractive holiday publication. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

It may not be generally known that last summer the artist Mr. T. de Thulstrup was tendered the Russian mission not to represent the United States at St. Petersburg, but to illustrate a brilliant series of articles on Russia, which are to appear in *Harper's Magazine* during the coming year. Mr. Thulstrup accepted the appointment. He spent several months travelling in Russia with Mr. Theodore Child, who will prepare one or two of the articles in the series.

William Briggs has just issued a nice little booklet called "The Kindly Yoke." It contains a text for every week in the year. The lithographed cover and colored illustrations are an entirely Canadian work, and reflect credit on the publishers. It is a book that should find ready sale.

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