

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

crous for a Louis the Saint, and a Richard of the Subtle Brain for a Richard of the Lion Heart. Certainly, the Crusades bring very powerfully to the mind that they cared more for religion once than they do now-days. If Jerusalem was only an important seaport on the Mediterranean, what a covetous eye would be fastened on it! But, since only Christ was there——.

The literature of mountaineering grows and grows, like Topsy, yet, curiously enough, no one has yet put forth a volume on the early mountaineers, considered synoptically. This gap is, however, filled by a work by Mr. Francis Gribble, which Mr. T. Fisher Unwin published on June 19. It is entitled "The Early Mountaineers," and, beginning with the attempt to ascend Roche Melon in the 11th century, it chronicles every climb of importance in the Alps, the Pyrenees and the Appennines down to the time of the battle of Waterloo. A special feature of the volume consists of textual reproductions of a large number of early mountaineering documents, which even collectors find great difficulty in procuring. Among these are included Johann Muller's "Stockharniss," Conrad Gesner's "Descriptio Montis Fracti," relating the ascent of Mont Aiguille by Domp Julian de Beaupre, De Thou's account of the ascent of the Pic Demidi by M. de Candal in the 16th century, and Orazio Delfico's narrative of his ascent of the Gran Sasso d'Italia. The book is profusely illustrated from rare old Alpine prints.

Mr. Halliwell Sutcliffe has no reason to complain of his success with "Microft of Withens," for Mr. T. Fisher Unwin published the fourth edition on Monday, June 19. The English have not lost their taste for "Bonnie Prince Charlie," whom we find in these pages protesting his preference for 20 feet of earth over him rather than retreat. Anyhow, Mr. Sutcliffe has been compared to Mr. Blackmore. Yorkshire is his county, and he knows it well.

A few weeks ago Mr. T. Fisher Unwin published a volume by Mr. H. C. Minchin, entitled "The Arcadians." Portions of the narrative, now first published in its completed form, have appeared in The Pall Mall Gazette, The Speaker and The Oxford Magazine. The volume is largely in dialogue, and like "The Arabian Nights" contains stories within stories. Touching as it does on the "problems of the next century but one" it may be held to have a present day interest.

Mr. Leslie Stephen, veteran mountaineer that he is, has been having his memory of the playground of Europe stirred by Mr. Gribble's lately published volume on "The

Early Mountaineers." "I have been reading it," he writes to a correspondent, "with much interest. I once wrote an article in The Alpine Journal on old Scheuchzer and his dragons and am amused to meet them again." Mr. T. Fisher Unwin is the publisher of Mr. Gribble's work.

"The Craze of Christina" is the title of Mrs. Lovett Cameron's new novel, which Mr. John Long published July 3, simultaneously in London and New York. Mrs. Lovett Cameron has been writing steadily now for 20 years and is engaged on another new novel for Mr. John Long. She is the wife of Mr. H. Lovett Cameron, elder brother of the late Commander Verney Lovett, R.N., C.B., who some 20 years ago traversed alone the whole continent of Africa from east to west and who made many important discoveries in the dark continent. Her recent novel, "A Fair Fraud," published by Mr. John Long, has met with marked success and is now in its fifth edition.

A colonial edition of "The adventures of Louis de Rougemont," which created some sensation when appearing in The Wide World Magazine, published by George Newnes Limited, is to be published by William Heinemann simultaneously with the issue of the English edition. There are to be 46 illustrations taken from the magazine.

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John Long, of No. 6 Chandos street, Strand, London, England, has issued a circular to the trade stating that, owing to the success which has attended the publication of the Colonial edition of his novels, hereafter he will issue them himself under the title of Long's Colonial Library. Only favorite authors or writers of undoubted promise will be included in the library. The volumes will be printed in the best style, on superior paper, and will be handsomely and uniformly bound in art green cloth, with special design, or in art green paste down paper covers, also with special design. The price to the trade will be 2s. cloth, and 1s. 6d. paper, per copy. No odd copies.

"A Solitary Summer," by the unknown writer of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden," is meeting with a reception which must be very gratifying to its author. A second American edition is already announced for immediate publication, while four editions have appeared in England.

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