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$4 l_{\text {articles, contributions, and letters on matters pertaining to the }}$ editorial department should be addressed to the Editor, and not to

THE Industrial Fair, which was opened on Tuesday, the loth inst., in this city, has become an annual event exhibitions local significance. The great value of such inventions of the products of art, industry, scientific Invention and mechanical skill can no longer be questioned.
The immediate commercial advantages derived from immediate commercial advantages derived from
ringing possible buyers and would-be sellers together, and
retting before the former the very best samples of the
Parious kinds of articles he may need, are but secondary
though
may very tangible results of such an exhibition. It
patitive even be doubted whether the stimulus given to comanmer efforts to attain the highest excellence in the ducts are departments of skill and industry, whose proresulting here set forth to view, is the greatest good they hang from such exhibitions. In the opinion of many and have an educative effect which is of the very highest every industry value. While this influence is felt in rery ind instry represented, it probably yields the richest rather in agricultural lines. The isolation which is, or condition of the life of a been, considered to be a necessary Whation of the life of a farmer, naturally tends to rou-
Which stagnation. Probably the wonderful progress
 methods jears, and which is yet going on, in agricultural then to is due to the influence of such exhibitions more
the thy other cause. The opportunities here afforded the farmer to compare, on the one hand, the best results
of hig own the the own methods with those of others from all parts of with thitry, and to acquaint himself, on the other hand, Wing the most perfect farming implements and labourmind devices, have an effect in opening the eyes of the Hence which could hardly be produced in any other way. Then of such who give time and thought to the manageWhole counch exhibitions render a great service to the the fair country, as well as to the particular locality in which in rapir may be held. The Toronto Annual Exbibition contindy achieving, as it deserves, a Canadian and even a tion, not perhaps without good reason, to some of the side. - Ows and other extraneous devices which it is deemed neces${ }^{\text {Pr }}$ I ibitions, but the the more legitimate features of such litions, but there is good ground for confidence that
the Toronto commissioners, who have done so well in the past, will continue to exclude everything that is seriously objectionable on the ground of taste or morality. There seems every reason to expect that the exhibition now in progress will surpass in genuine merit the best of its pre decessors.
THE declaration of one of the Public School Trustees of Toronto in favour of female as compared with male teachers as principals is giving rise to a good deal of discussion and eliciting much difference of opinion. To our thinking the question is not one of sex but of capability and training. All hasty generalizations, based on supposed general principles rather than on these essential considerasions, are untrustworthy and misleading. There are, no doubt, some women who are vastly more efficient both as teachers and as disciplinarians than the average man who has had equal advantages. But so, on the other hand, there are some men who are vastly more capable in both these respects than the average woman who has had equal advantages. If the old impression that the masculine pedagogue has an undoubted natural superiority by reason either of his supposed greater strength of mind or his admitted greater strength of muscle has not been wholly removed by the logic of facts, it is time that it were. There is a certain class of writers who are always ready to bewail the real or fancied deterioration in manners and morals of the boys of the present day as compared with those of the good old past when they themselves were boys, and to attribute it to the assumed weaker discipline of the schools. From this it is easy to pass by another logical bound to the conclusion that the weaker discipline is the result of the predominance of female teachers in the schools. One writer exclaims, and he but re-echoes a wide-spread sentiment, " Be as sentimental as you please, it is useless to maintain that a woman can have as much control over an unruly boy as a man." For our own part, without pleading gailty to an undue share of sentimentality, we make bold to aver that there are hundreds of women in the schools who can and do have more control over unruly boys than any men, save an exceptional few, and who know how to use this control to develop most effectively the very desirable trait of " moral manliness." The fact unhappily is, however, that the qualities essential to this control, which is indispensable to the highest success in teaching, are deplorably rare in either sex. This defect is owing sometimes to the lack of natural gifts, mental and moral, but oftener and more largely to the lack of mental and moral training and culture, in the case of both sexes. Probably under the law of averages, the chances are at present on the side of the man as likely to make the better teacher and principal. But granting this, is it not fairly and reasonably attributable to the fact that hitherto the educational advantages have been greatly in favour of the young men? We are glad to know that the unfair disparity arising from this cause is rapidly disappearing, yet it cannot be doubted that on the average the male teachers in our schools have had educational advantages superior to those enjoyed by their compeers of the other sex. Nevertheless, in view of the unsurpassed success of many women in every department of educational work, is it not the part of wisdom and common sense to conclude that school trustees, unless under exceptional circumstances, should leave the question of sex out of the consideration and be guided wholly by the proof of ability and merit?

## CANADIANS in general and the stockholders and managers of the Canadian Pacific Railway in particular

 may well be proud of the latest achievement of that cor. poration in the way of reducing time between Yokahama and New York. This feat will become matter of history, though no one can say to what extent it may be surpassed within the next decade. The record may be briefly put, but it is none the less wonderful. The mail from China and Japan, contained in eighteen mail bags--twelve for England and six for the United States-left Yokahama, on board the steamship Empress of India, on the 19th of August, and was landed at Victoria, B. C., on the 29th of August. The bags were immediately placed on board a special train held in readiness by the C.P.R. authorities, and whirled across the continent at a rate of speed whichsometimes reached 70 miles and frequently from 50 to 60 miles an hour, and arrived at Brockville at 9.20 on the evening of September 1, having crossed the continent in three days. The mail bags were at once transferred to a special furnished by the New York Central at Morris. town, and carried to New York at a speed of 60 to 70 miles an hour, reaching that city at a few moments after five. The bags intended for England were safe on board the City of New York when she left her moorings at ten minntes past five, for her race across the Atlantic. If the steamship made her usual time the mails were delivered in England on the 9th inst., twenty days from Yokahama. Though this was a special effort, we understand that the rail way authorities expect to keep up or surpass this rate of speed. The strain on machinery and men must have been heavy, and one is at first thought disposed to wonder if the game is worth the candle-if, in other words, the advantage resulting to any one from the receipt of the mails from the East a day or two earlier is sufficient to compensate for the special effort and the wear and tear and anxiety it involves. But the managers of the railway know, no doubt, what they are about. The value of the record as a demonstration of the capabilities of the route as a short cut to the East will no doubt be very great. Already, in advance of the arrival of the New York, the feat has attracted a good deal of attention. in England, and has led to press speculations on the effect this new route may have in revolutionizing the carrying trade of the world. It has also inspired the St. James' Gazette to declare that Canada is the most valuable highway to the East, and to add that England must keep her within the Empire at any cost.
$A_{\text {attention to a prevalent and }}^{\text {CORRES }}$. in another column calls attention to a prevalent and gross abuse which has crept in under cover of the Act which gives to married women, as to other citizens, power to hold and manage property in their own right. Few reasonable persons will question the justice of the Married Women's Property Act now in force in this Province, or deny that the former laws under which a married woman could not possess or manage property in her own right were essentially unjust, and often the means of inflicting great hardship and wrong. Nevertheless it is within the knowledge of most of those who give attention to such matters that there are in almost every community those who take advantage of the present law and make it the means of abetting the grossest dis honesty. Who does not know of cases in which men are living in luxury on the proceeds of property which by every rule of honesty and right belongs to others, but who have so arranged matters, by the simple process of making over their possessions to their wives, that their creditors cannot lay their hands upon a cent's worth of it? Such a state of affairs is discreditable and shameful, and if it is within the power of our legislators to amend the Act by the application of checks and safeguards, as our correspondent suggests, it should be done without delay. We should be glad to have the opinions of others-both men of business and those learned in the law-in regard to the matter.
WHATEVER view the Special Committee of the House of Commons may take of Mr. Cochrane's relations to the Patronage Committee of the East Northumberland Conservative Association, the operations of that Committee, as clearly shown in evidence, are among the most shameful of the many shameful transactions which bave been uncovered at Ottawa during the present session. It is painful to think that the political principles of men who it is fair to suppose are neither ignorant nor unscrupulous, but are persons of local prominence and influence, can have become so debased, their views of right and wrong in public affairs so confused, that they could make a merchandise of the public service, and sell their influence, or that of their representative, conferred by the franchise of their fellow-citizens, for money. In the view of all whose moral vision has not been dimmed by the party spirit, the fact that the money taken out of the scanty wages of labouring men was used for partisan, not personal, purposes, does not affect the moral character of the action in the least. Either these
poor men were to be overpaid for their services by the Government salaries, which will hardly be contended, or the Party Committee took advantage of their necessities and extorted from them wrongfully and basely a portion of their honest earnings. And even if they were thought to be overpaid and so able to afford to pay bribes, that fact could confer upon the men of the committee no moral or legal right to levy toll upon them, and thus become sharers in their unjust gains. But that the thing is wholly indefensible goes without saying. The low state of political morality it discloses is a serious reflection not only upon the morals of the community in which it took place, but upon the leaders of the political party or parties, who have failed during their long years in oftice to educate their followers throughout the country to loftier views of the duties and obligations of citizenship. Nor is it unfairly prejudging the question to say that, with the evidence before us, it is extremely difficult to doubt that the sitting member, on whose nomination the appoint ments were made, was cognizant to a greater or less extent of the disgraceful transactions. Thus we have another object-lesson on the pernicious influence of the party-patronage system.

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ELDOM has there been given, even in Canadian politics, a more striking exhibition of the pernicious influence of the party spirit in introducing exaggeration and distortion into the consideration of the most serious questions of statesmanship than that which was seen dur ing the debate on Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution last week in the House of Commons at Ottawa. The question was one of the most momentous that could engage the attention of Canadian legislators. The disappointing figures given by the census returns of the population of the various Provinces of the Dominion were before the House and the country. The fact is indisputable, if the census returne can be at all relied on, that during the last decade a very large number of Canadians and of immigrants, who during that period came into Canada, have disappeared. Sir Richard Cartwright's reckoning, in which he assumes a natural rate of increase of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum for the population of 1881, and for the immigrants added to that population during the decade, places the total number of missing at over one and a-half millions. One million would, apparently, be a safe and moderate estimate. At any rate the number is very large and the fact is established that not only has Canada failed to profit by the immigration which has been promoted at considerable expense, but that her population has been augmented by much less than one-half the number which should have been added to it by natural increase alone. Of course there is but one explanation, and that a very simple one. The great bulk of the missing, whether old residents or immigrants, have gone to the United States. That can no longer be doubted. The questions, then, for our statesmen to consider are: What are the causes of this movement out of the country, and whether to what extent and by what means are those causes preventable or removable? To these questions Sir Richard Cartwright and his supporters on the Opposition benches give very simple and concise answers-answers, that is to say, which however elaborated for oratorical purposes, may be expressed in very simple and concise terms. The cause of the loss of population is the so-called National Policy of the Conservative Government, with its inseparable accompaniments, extravagance and corruption. The remedy is, of coursp, a apeedy change of Government. Let the people, through their representatives, drive the present administration from power and put the Opposition leaders on the Treasury benches, charged with full powers to negotiate for unrestricted reciprocity with the United States, and to introduce a regime of economical and honest administration. On the Government side it is contended, on the other hand, that the failure to realize what were supposed to be the reasonable hopes and expectations of the people has come, not because of, but in spite of, the protective tariff ; that that tariff has, in fact, been very effective in preventing the existence of a much worse state of affairs as the result of various causes, the chief of which is the pessimism of the Liberal leaders and their persistent campaign of obstruction and detraction.

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 HAT will most strike the dispassionate reader of this important debate is the extravagance and one-sidedness of the harangues delivered on both sides of the House. Whatever may be the trath as to the relative merits of the policies of a tariff for protection and atariff for revenue, respectively, for a country in the position in which our young Dominion at present stands, it is surely beyond reasonable belief that the former policy has been the sole or even the chief agent in driving out of the country a million of people who would have been kept in it had the latter policy been continued. That the tendency of artificially stimulating manufactures by protection may be to enlarge the populations of the cities at the expense of the rural districts is very reasonable to suppose, but that this alone can account for the movement city-wards in Canada, while similar movements are taking place in almost every civilized country, free-trade England included, is incredible. It must be obvious to every close observer that the chief factor in the production of this movement is the economical motive which is leading to the concentration of capital and the minute sub-division of labour in every country, and rendering both manufacturing and agricultural operations on a small scale unremunerative. The unfairness, too, of placing the large expenditures made during the last ten years upon the Canadian Pacific Railroad and other public works of permanent value, over against the results appar. ent within a very few years, must be manifest to every one who takes the trouble to think about such matters. On the other hand, what can be feebler than the argument so much dwelt upon by the Government orators and newspapers, and even by the Finance Minister, to the effect that the pessimistic speeches of Opposition leaders, and articles in Opposition papers, have been the means of driving a million of settlers out of Canada in ten years? Such speeches, if really depreciative of the country instead of, as is usually, we suppose, the fact, the Government and its policy, might conceivably be the means of preventing some of those who contemplate emigrating from foreign countries from choosing Canada as their future home. But to suppose that any considerable number of persons already in the country and reasonably comfortable or prosperous would be induced to abandon it and try their fortunes elsewhere by the speeches and writings of political partisans anxious to make a point against the Government of the day, is to pay a very poor compliment to the popular intelligence. Such an argument is so suggestive of the want of a better that it is really questionable whether it does not really weaken rather than improve the position of those using it. It is further worth while for the defenders of the Government and its policy to consider whether the contention of some of them that the National Policy has been really effective in providing employment for large numbers of those who would otherwise have failed to find it, and that, therefore, the country is much better off in respect to population than it would have been but for that policy, does'not really imply a more damaging admission and a worse disparagement of our climate and resources than any contained in the most fervid speeches of the Opposition.

THE one fact incontestably proved by the census returns is that the National Policy has signally failed to secure that growth of populatios throughout the Dominion which the unquestionably rich resources and capabilities of the country seem to give its people a warrant to expect. It by no means follows that any other policy within the reach of the Government under existing circumstances would have shown very much better results. It is quite clear that the possession of ample room, vast undeveloped resources and an energetic population, are not the sole requirements for rapid growth to national greatness. Other considerations must be taken into the account The flow of population is determined mainly by industrial conditions, especially by the demand for labour and the comparative rates of remuneration. The real reason for the exodus of so many of our people is, as every reader knows by observation, either lack of employment, or lower rates of remuneration than can be obtained on the other side of the boundary. Multitudes of our young men love Canada and leave it with great reluctance, only after seeking in vain for occupation in their respective lines of industry. Others are drawn away by the higher wages or salaries which they can secure "on the other side." In these respects Canada is placed in unequal competition with her neighbour, so vastly her superior in population and wealth. In two of the indispensable conditions of national development, viz., capital and population, this neighbour has an immense advantage. Canada suffers in the competition for want of capital to develop her resources, and population to supply a market for the products. Of course, the ability to procure the capital depends upon the presence of the consuming population, or the accessibility of an
adequate market. Had Canada the advantage of rasso ably free access to the vast market created by the sixty millions of people on her borders, in addition to those now within her reach by sea, the capital she so much needs would flow in in abundance. A moment's consideration of the difference in the conditions in respect to ${ }^{a}$ market, between a nation of five millions and one of sixtyfive millions, will suffice to show the fallacy of Mr. Foster's retort that Sir Richard proposes to escape from the injurious effects of a high tariff by entering into a partnership which would involve the imposition of a higher tariff. What may be narrow and damaging restriction in the case of the smaller nation is almost equivalent to continental free trade in the case of the larger. Hence, too; it is easy to see that the fatal fallacy which underlies Sir Richard's contention is the assumption that the change of Government he desires would be followed by the reciprocity which would supply the one thing now lacking to ensure that rapid growth which the National Policy, whatever its good or evil effects in other respects, has conspicuously failed to bring. If the Opposition could but convince the country that by placing them in power the boon of free admission to the United States markets could be secured on terms consistent with Canada's self-respect, and her duty to the Mother Country, they would not long want opportunity to carry out their policy. As a matter of fact, to secure such reciprocity is now the avowed policy of the party in power. The Opposition may be right in their contention that it is unattainable on the conditions proposed by the Government. Then when the Government has tried and failed will come their opportunity. For our part, we wonder that the Finance Minister, if he and his colleagues are really in earnest in the negotiations which they are pledged to attempt in Washington next month, and if they clearly realize that very much depends upod the result of those negotiations, had not made a different reply to Sir Richard Cartwright. "If the Opposition, he might have said, "are sincere in attaching so muc" importance to reciprocity with our neighbours, and if they prefer the interests of their country to those of their party, why do they not, instead of striving to thwart the Gor ernment at every step, support it with all the weight of their sympathy and influence in the cuming negotiations, seeing that the success of those negotiations must, in their view, be of immense advantage to the country, and need not stand in the way of further advances in the samp direction, while their failure will give their political op ponents a much better leverage for the overthrow of the unsuccessful Government."

THERE can no longer be any doubt that the scarcity of bread, owing to the wide-spread failure of crops, which has already brought some parts of the interior Russia face to face with the grim spectre of famine, threatens to be serious in other parts of Europe, and and in Great Britain. In such countries as Germany ${ }^{\text {and }}{ }^{\text {d }}$ England, with ample resources at command, the resgip can scarcely be worse than a certain increase of hardsuipd and privation among the people of the poorer districts, The a large increase in the cost of bread for all classees. ${ }^{\text {ap }}{ }^{\theta}$ possible, not to say probable, results in Russia in the shap ${ }^{\theta}$. of starvation and perhaps riot are fearful to contemp!ate. There is, too, reason to believe that the horrors crisis will be greatly increased by the racial fanaticioes and madness which are driving out the Jewish mone lenders and middlemen, whose capital, by wha how. unworthy means it may have been accumulated and bo ever selfishly it may have been employed, has been of great service, in the absence of a better ar arabi, ment, in the work of gathering and distributing the crop the whether good or bad. It is painful, in view threatening evil, to read of large quantities of $\mathrm{g}^{\mathrm{rab}}$ unharvested and perishing in those districts in which ing harvest has not totally failed. What effect the destitution may have upon the general European tion-whether the Czar will be compelled throu poverty to keep the peace for a year or two longer, to whether he may be tempted to try desperate mea distract the attention of the people from internal it seems impossible to predict. By whatever spir it cannot be denied that the recent action of the Turkey in permitting the passage of Russian through the Dardanelles, in violation of treaty, with menace to the peace of Europe, especially Britain. There can be little doubt that Lord Sal vigorously protesting, but whether, in the absence sympathy and coöperation of other Powers, which
be confessed, do not seem to be readily forthcoming, Eng land will feel constrained to undertake the enforcement o the treaty single-handed, does not yet appear. It is not improbable that Russia is taking advantage of the jealousy of Turkey and France, by reason of the Egyptian occupa tion, to repeat the tactics which were successful on a forme memorable occasion in securing important modifications of the letter of a treaty which bore hardly upon her liberties And it is quite possible that these tactics may be again saccessful. Indeed, leaving diplomatic consideration aride, it is not easy to see, from this distance, why Russia should not be permitted to have access to the Mediterranean in time of peace, as well as other nations. May it not be ${ }^{\text {even }}$ possible that some generous concessions in this direcLion might in the end prove to be the very best diplomacy? in thalisbury is not, however, likely to view the question in that light, if he can see his way clear to preserve the status quo by a more resolute policy.
SOME one has said that there is no vice which so completely saps the foundations of moral character as untruthfulness. Certainly there is scarcely another which this closely followed by its Nemesis. The retribution in moral perceptis to take the shape of a blunting of the of the perceptions, resulting in a state in which the mind recollection seems incapable of distinguishing between its botween tra and its imaginings, or, in plainer English, otween truth and falsehood. Some such reflections as strange arise in the mind in view of recent incidents in the party who history of the ex-leader of the Irish Home Rule follow who but a little ago was so autocratic amongst his lactician were so much admired by many, even of those Who had no sympathy with his political objects. Mr. Parnell is no longer, we suppose, sufficiently a power even
arish politics to entitle his speeches or Trish politics to entitle his speeches or movements to Without something akin to pity, as well as disgust, the pectacle of this fallen leader making statements in public ross have them promptly and distinctly denounced as
 ebis are above suspicion. A specially glaring incident of Where, ind took place two or three weeks since at Kells, here, in a Sunday speech, Mr. Parnell said that Mr. Korley saw him nine days before the famous verdict, and, hip. Further, that for nine days after the verdict, he Fumained in the same place where he had seen Mr. Morley, ion ${ }^{\text {received no communication from him. These allega- }}$ Morley at once contradicted distinctly and Onjphatically Morley at once contradicted distinctly and Mddeatically, declaring that he never knew Mr. Parnell's
Mr. Pand that, in spite of his repeated applications to Mr. Parnell's secretary, he was unable, after the verdict, toe $\mathrm{R}_{\text {oom }}$ Nonicate with him before the meeting in Commitin thoom No. 15 . Other statements made by Mr. Parnell $\mathrm{Dill}_{0 n}$ same speech in reference to Mr. Gladstone and Mr.
on met with the same prompt and absolute contradic-
imr readers will remember that in the course of the $m_{e_{8}}$ investigation Mr. Parnell coolly admitted that he otives on occasion deliberately lied in Parliament from that one policy. We remarked at that time to the effect ailty of who could thus unblushingly confess himself an, was an act so base in the eyes of every honourable dete his innocence of public trust, no matter how comon. Parnell's whole subsequent course has justified the of the ere, and proven to the world that the whole fabric of the man's character has been disintegrated and rotted
by habitual falsehood.

OPERATION OF THE MARRIED WOMAN'S PROPERTY ACT.
TT is pleasing to witness the Lord Chancellor of England and the Master of the Rolls declaring, as in a recent $i_{\theta}$ celebré, that the old Roman law which placed the sub virga viri is not and never was English law. a declaration from such high authority must, wherotions becomes known, completely dispel erroneous
 rection possessed by the husband over the person of
Wife. Wife. But, as regards her property rights, something cordingly declaratory statement was necessary. And their property has, for nearly half a century past,
igaged the attention of various Legislatures of this Proiaged the attention of various Legislatures of this Pro-
ace, as well as those of the Imperial Parliament, and the fogislas well as those of the Imperial Parliament, and the
tige her of other parts of the Empire; and in that ora position has, step by step, been advanced, until
the disabilities imposed by the common law, described
by an eminent judge in our own courts as "the absence of any separate legal existence," she now at last stands forth equipped by statute with all the rights and privileges, and sustaining the obligations of a teme sole.

By statute a married woman is now capable of acquir ing, holding and disposing of real and personal property in the same manner as if she were unmarried; and the wages, earnings, money and property gained or acquired by her in any employment, trade or occupation carried on by her, or in which she may engage, or which she may gain by any literary, artistic or scientific skill, are her separate pro perty, and may be disposed of by her as such ; she is capa ble of entering into and rendering herself liable upon, and of suing and being sued upon contracts, independently of her husband; and she may convey lands to her husband, and the husband may convey lands to the wife without the intervention of a trustee

Much has been written, and much has justly been said, in praise of the enlightened policy which bas accomplished this great change, but upon the general subject I do not propose to expatiate. The question with which I am at present concerned, a question which concerns the whole community, and particularly the commercial part of it, is, as to whether these large powers and rights conferred upon the wife are not, in many cases, used for purposes of dishonesty. The fact that almost in every sheriff's and bailiff's office in the Province there are numerous unsatisfied writs of $f$-fa against men whose wives are in business or in possession of ample means which they never would have possessed, if it had not been first acquired by the husband, is a very significant fact. A man will take a building or other contract and obtain extensive credit, apparently being in possession of property, but when his creditors take steps to realize, the man owns nothing, his wife owns everything. The courts will no doubt set aside a fraudulent contrivance or conveyance made to defeat creditors of their just claims, and many such cases are constantly before them.

Apart, however, from the legal or pecuniary aspect of the question, if the tendency of the new law is in the direction of lending aid or encouragement to fraudulent or dishonest practices, or of lowering the standard of commercial morality it is the clear duty of the Legislature by amendment to apply such checks and safe-guards as will counteract that tendency.
A. H .

Toronto, August, 1891.

## LIMAE LABOR.

SOME years ago the inventor of the Acme Skate called my attention to thirteen skates displayed in order on his office wall. These products of his brain and hand disclosed in a single view the laborious revisions to which he had subjected his original conception. Dompared with the perfected skate the first was intricate and complex in its structure. Every revision showed a less number of separate parts, and this increasing simplicity resulted finally in a complete unity or wholeness of the implement for the purpose intended. The inventor had repeatedly revised his first conception, and its concrete expression in steel. This is the history of all mechanical invention. It is equally the history of all abiding products of thought in which form is essential.

## One artist uses stone or bronze; One, light and shade; he, plastic speech One, light and shade; he, plastic speech ; To catch and fix in ideal form The PERFR('T is the aim of each.

Of all materials in which thought finds expression, language is the most plastic and the most enduring. I have often thought what curious and instructive revelations could be made by the waste baskets of the great poets-the greatest masters of the embodiment of thought in perfect form. Their best work appears so natural and complete that we imagine these gifted souls are inspired, and that they are, therefore, lifted above the necessity of patient thought and toilsome revision in respect both of construc tion and verbal expression. If we could know the facts we should find that the poems which live from age to age embody results, both as to contents and expression, which are the outcome of manifold unwritten or written revisions. In proportion as we recognize this truth are we qualified to appreciate the marvels of their achievements. Genius as well as talent must putitself severely to school. This is especially true when language is the medium employed as the mould of thought, since no other is at once so mobile and fluid and so rigid and monu mental.
I wish to illustrate this process of limae laborrevision, polishing, perfecting-by a reference to the poems of Lord Tennyson. The Poet Laureate is an acknowledged master in the use of language, ranking next after Shakespeare and Milton. In addition to his known scrupulous care in composition before publication, we may by a studious comparison of the various editions of his poems discover abundant evidence of extraordinary patience in perfecting the products of his genius. "In Memoriam," the greatest and most elaborately wrought of elegiac poems, was given to the world in 1850 . The lyrics which now appear as xxxix.,

Old warder of these buried bones,
and lix.,

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O Sorrow, wilt thou live with me,
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were subsequently inserted in the poem. Some forty lines,
in different parts of the elegy, have also undergone verbal revision. Many instances of retouching could be cited from most of his other poems, some of the changes producing lines among the most beautiful the poet has written. To give a single example. When "A Dream of Fair Women " was published in 1830 we had :-

> The tall masts flickerd as they lay afloat: The temples, and the peoppe, and the shore ; One drew a sharp knife throngh my tender throat, Slowly -and nothing more.

We now have :-
The high masts thicker'd as they lay afoat;
The high masts flicker'd as they lay afloat;
The crowds, the temples, waver'd, and the shore
The hright death guivered at the victim's throat;
Touched : and l knew no more.
The most extensive revisions appear in "The Palace of Art," and in "The Princess ; A Medleg." I shall contine myself to illustrations from this last poem. "The Princess" was first published in 1847. The text was submitted to a reconstructive and polishing process in the editions of 1848 , 1850, 1851, and 1853, when it reached its permanent form. The poet's delicate sense of proportion and balance as well as deftness and Horatian vigour of expression are sharply revealed in the process. In the edition of 1850 :-

His name was (Gama; cracked and small his voice
But bland the smile that pucker'd nup his cheek.
In that of 1851 :-
His name was Gama; cracked and small his voice,
But bland the smile that like a*wrinkling wind
But bland the smile that like a * wrinkling
On glassy water drove his cheeks in lines.
The following is a noteworthy and suggestive inatance of successive changes. In the editions of 1847 and 1848 :-

Down from the bastion'd walls we dropt by night,
In the edition of 1850 :-
Jown from the bastioned wall, suspense hy night,
Jike threaded spiders, from a Dalk, we dropt,
like threaded spiders, from it lalk, we dropt,
In the edition of 1851 :-
Like threaded spiders, one by one bastioned walls dropt,
And flying reach'd the frontier.
There are many striking and beautiful lines omitted from the poem after the editions of 1847 and 1848 . The reason for these omissions can be found only in Tennyson's increasing responsiveness to organic symmetry and coaction of minutest parts. The following italicized lines are examples of such omissions :-

More soluble is this knot,
Like almont alt the reet if men were wise,
By gentleness than war. I want her love.
What were I nigher this altho' I dash'l
Your cities into shards with catapalt,
Wy gentleness than war. I want her love.
What were I nigher this altho' I dash'l
Your cities into shards with catapulte,
And dusted dovon your domes with manyonel.
From the reply of the "Princess" to "Lady Blanche," some twenty-five lines of vigorous sutire have been onitted. The character of the heroine clearly gains in dignity by this revision. In the third edition, that of 1850, the Prologue and Conclusion were re-written, and the fine passage of eighteen lines,

So Lilia sang: we thought her half possess'd,
She struck such warbling fury thro' the words,
appeared for the first time. There were also numerous slight alterations, omissions and additions in other parts of the poem. The subtle references to the " weird seiz ures" of the "Prince," which stir the imagination so deeply, werc all added in the edition of 1851.

These examples of limae labor, be it remembered, are all drawn from what, for the time being, was a completed product of a master of literary form, and which he had given to the world. Could we inspect the revisions which "The Princess" underwent before it was published in 1847 , the patient labour of the poet would command even more fully our admiration.

The six intercalary songs in "The Princess" were first published in the third edition. These lyrics are even more widely known than the poem of which they now form so essential a part. They are among the most beautiful in the English language, whose linked sweetness they have borne to every civilized people under heaven. Although these lyrics have not undergone any revision since their first publication, their wonderful delicacy and perfection of structure and form bear witness that they are All perfect, finished to the finger-nail.
A year ago through the generosity of a valued friend it was my good fortune to come into possession of an autograph copy of five of these lyrics-a copy made by the Poet Laureate before their publication. This manuscript copy contains the well-nigh perfected text, yet it will be seen that the work of revision did not reach its completion until publication was made in "The Princess." The following is a tac simile reproduction of the MS.
* Compare Shelley's "Prince Athanase" :-
Of Athanase, a ruttling atmosphere

Of Athanase, a ruttling atmosphere
Of dark emotion,
Of dark emotion, a swift shadow ran,
Like wind upon some forest-bosomed lake
Like wind upon s
( llassy and dark.
There is another very beautiful passage in "'The Princess" which
was certainly suggested by lines of Shelley's "Promethens Un-
bound":-
A wind arose and rushed upon the South,
And shook the songs, the whispers and the shrieks
Of the wild woods together : and a Voice
Of the wild woods together; and a Voice
Went with it, "Follow, follow, thou shalt
A wind arose among the pines; it shook
The clinging music from their boughs, an
The clinging music from their boughs, and then
Low, sweet, faint sounds, like the farewell of
Were heard : Oh, follow, follow, follow me!

The splendour falls on castle wall and snow g summits oD in stony:
The long light shakes acripp the lakes and the wild calarad leaps ins geelong.
(chutes)
O hark, O hear! how thin \& clear an thinner, clearer farther going 0 sweet \(\&\) far from cliff t \(t\) sear The horns of Elfland faintly blowing Blow, let us hear the purple glens uplying Blow, bugle; answer echoes dying, dying, dying

O Cove they die in yon rich sky They faint on hill or field os river Our echoes roll from soul to soul and grow for conn i. for con. Blow bugle How set the wild echoesflying. and answer echoes answer dying dying dying

Whew all among the thundering drums Thy soldier in the tattle stands.. Thy face acrof his fancy. Comes and gives the battle to his hands: A moment while the Gumpel; Wow, He sees his loo about thy kneel r. The neat - like fire he meet i the foe, Striker him dead for them or the. Tara to tantara!

Ask me no more: the mors may chaw the The cloud may stoop from heaven r Coke the shape, With fold on foll, of mountain or of cape; But 0 tor fond, when have? answers thee? rok me no more.
ask me no moses: what answer should ! give I Cove not hollow cheek of fade bye: yet 0 my friend,, will not have the die! Wis me no mane, lest I should fid thee live; ask me no more.

Ask me no mole: thy fate \(t\) mine are seals: I strove againd the stream bat all in vain Set the great river ta he me to the main: no more dear lone for at tow ch 3 yids: ask me no more.
as tho' the land at eve we went, and pluek'd the rifenaid ears, we fell out my wife and?, and kifors wain with tears:
avo blepings on the falling -ont That all the more endears, : When we fall out with those we love, \(a_{n}\) kif again with tears!
"I or when we came whee Cesthe chis we lost in other gears, There above the little grave. we kif'd again with tears.
II Thee are: not unite ugeulanly hit firth as they

It will be observed that the MS. of "The splendour the an castle walls" differs from the published text by

\section*{Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.}

The word "(Chorus)" is inserted between the first and second stanzas. This word was added subsequently tinctly making of the copy, as the colour of the ink distinctly shows. This suggests that another hand has inserted the word in the MS. since the publication of the lyric. If wa read the first two stanzas together as they \({ }^{\text {a }}\) appear in the MS. it will be at once suggested to us that the absent lines did not form a part of the first stanza, but were an afterthought of the poet in response to his suggestion symmetry and artistic completeness. This two lines is strongly confirmed by the fact that the last tho lines of the second and third stanzas are not alike indicaghout. The word " (Chorus)," therefore, does not the ate the actual text of the two lines which are not in the manuscript copy of the first stanza, and which, it is to bo noted, are unlike the closing lines of either oi the other \({ }^{\text {stanzas. }}\)
There is but one change in the lyric "Home they prought her warrior dead"-the substitution in the printed text of "watching" for "whispering" in the frst stanza. This song is a translation, heightened in trom and expression by the poet, of the Anglo-Saxon this song, pudrun." Tennyson has another version of present year ly Lady Tennyson.*
lyric comparison of the printed text of the following thicough revision :-
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Thy woice is heard thro' roll \\
That beat to rattle where \\
Thy dives the bancy \\
And gives the battle to \(h\)
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The first two lines of the MS. copy were recast before publication, "and" inserted at the beginning of the last line, and " "and " inserted at the beginning of the last
blare, "Thanged to "thine." The trumpet in the "Tara ta tan-tara!" in the MS. does not appear It will ted text.
It will be seen that the lyric "Ask me no more" has initalics:-

Ask me no more : the moon may draw the sear ;
The cloud mayy thop from heaven and take the slape,
With fold to folt of nountan and of cape;
But ( 0 too fond, when have I answer'd thee ?
Ask me no more.
Ask me no mure : what answer should I
I hove not hollow cheek or faded eye :
Yeve not hollow cheek or falded eye:
Yet, my friend, I will not have thee die :
Ak mo no more, lest. I slonld lidid thee live ;
Ask me no more
Ask me no more: thy fate and mine are seal'd
I strove against the stream and all in yain :
Istrove against the stream and all in yain
No more, dear love, for at a touch I yield;
Perhaps in none of the examples of revision which I have given from "The Princess " is that defuness of touch More delicately than in the two slight verbal changes in The
The lines in italics in the last lyric were added to
thosese of the MS. prior to its publication in "The Princesg":


The addition of these repetends gives a wonderful Perthasis, and charm to the song. Mrs. Browning was,
thist to use in English with splendid effect
emphasis of refrain so native to the Hebrew poets.
 usic :

Home they brought him slain with spears,
They brought him home at even-fall :
They brought him home at wev-fall:
All alone, she sits and hears
Echoes in his empty hall,
The sun peeped in from open field,
The boy Degan to loap and prance,
Rode upon his father's lance,
Rode upon his father's's lance,
Beat upon his father's shield-
Oh hush, my joy, my sorrow !"
Lady, let the rolling drums
Beat to battle where thy w
Beat to battle where thy warrior stands
Now thy face accross his fancy
Now thy face across his fancy comes,
And gives the battle to his hands.
Lady let the trumpets blow,
Lady, tet the trumpets blow,
Clape the little babes about thy knee ;
Now thy warrior fathor meets the foe,
And strikes him dead for thine and thee,

Composition in its very nature implies plan and süs tained effort. In presenting a specimen of Tennyson's work as a striking illustration of the importance of limae valuing spontaneity, but rather as emphasizing the practical truth that unstinted painstaking is an essential element in the production of literary work of the highest quality.-Theodore II. Rand, in the McMaster University

\section*{UP THE RIVER.}

UP the river! Magic words to the tired Londoner, longing at his desk, for the refuge of cool streams and quiet meadows. He recalls his last Saturday to Monday at Maidenhead or Henley, and while the spent city air grows heavier in the drowsy afternoon, he dreams how

But in these August days London is at its emptiest, and many a galley-slave from desk and counter is getting that one fortnight out of all the year which means to him or her the bright spot of the other eleven months and two weeks. The river rivals Brighton in the affections of the Londoner, and it is marvellous how little they have spoilt it, at any rate above Maidenhead. It has two seasons, and the second, which may be said to commence with Bank Holiday, is now in full swing. The first of these, lasting from Whitsun to the middle of July, is much the smartest, and is indeed a small bit of the London season. Then guardsmen from the club house at Maidenhead may be seen submitting their haughty souls to the drudgery of the punt, with the stern (if punts have sterns) transformed by rugs and cushions into a sort of Cleopatra's galley, where lies some lady with apparently just enough energy to hold up her red parasol. Then, at the Locks between Maidenhead and Henley, one sees, on a Sunday afternoon, a gay crowd that nearly rivals the chureh parade in the Park. These delightfully silent, electric launches, crowded, perhaps, with a noisy party of actresses and their friends-costumes and complexions of a most wonderful order-champagne in steady consumption. Here are small Saturday-to-Monday parties, from some of the big houses up stream, who display costumes that are boating ones that have passed through the glorified atmosphere of a French milliner's imagination, and in the process have lost all English crudity. The stream of these brilliant birds of fashion culminates in the week before Henley, when the house-boats, that have been for some time making their way up stream, blossom out into bright coloured Japanese lanterns and umbrellas, and blue, red, and yellow flower-jars, and groups of happy, lazy folk in deep arm-chairs, who seem to be perpetually drinking tea under the shadow of their various tinted awnings. What an easy thing life appears to be for some people, one thinks as one passes them.

But this butterfly spring season is all ended when the gay folk take their flight from town to Cowes and then to Scotland. With Bank Holiday and the breaking up of schools comes the reign of the children, and every lodging in every riverside town or village is full, and the capacious family craft pursue a devious course, propelled by small, sailor-dressed boys, or slim, short-frocked girls. Camping parties of men, the stern of their boat piled with Gladstone bags and hampers, toil up stream or rush up the village High Street to buy bread and fruit. Bronzed Oxford men, in blazers of their respective colleges, accompanied by the invariable fox-terrier, lounge under the shadow of the willows. The nautical fashions of the year have settled down into their respective good and bad style, and one almost forgets that there is any other fashion of dress than blue serge, white flannel and sailor hats. The reign of the artist hae come, for the dull, heavy green of an English June, that is one of the most unpaintable things in all nature, has already taken to itself soft yellows and russets, and the ripening corn makes great golden patches on the hill-side, and the glamour of the blue autumn haze spreads over all the land. And so the artist and his white umbrella are abroad-in steady punt that does not swing to the wash of every passing launch, or on shady river bank.
Truly, it seems a pleasant trade to the passer by, who sees the peaceful work and does not think of the wany baffled efforts and disappointed hopes, and of the many failures in the task of expression of nature's secret. The amateur artist is also abroad with expensive water colour outfit, generally choosing some view of a church tower or bird's eye sweep of the river-amateur artists dote on church towers or spires. They are often ladies, who, on a near view, appear to have well passed thirty summers. These generally carry queer canvas bags and wear Liberty silk handkerchiefs of yellow or tawny hue. Although there is no place in the world where one sees a greater variety of entertaining types of character, still it is wonderfully easy to isolate oneself. From the stir and move ment of one of the crowded locks one turns aside up some still backwater, where the overhanging trees nearly meet; and the sweet-scented reeds grow high, and the forget-menot on the banks and the waterlily on the stream bloom as securely as though summer holiday folk were unknown. Here is the place to fasten up and to settle oneself among
the cushions and read the lightest of books, or to lie and lazily listen to the murmurs of the summer day :-

\section*{Orifting down on the dear old river, \\ O, the music that interweaves; \(O\), the song of the lazy leaves
And far off sounds- for the eve Awake the echoes of by the eve so climes is Awake the echoes of by-gone times;
The nuffled roar of the distant weir \\ Cheered by the clang of the Marlow chimes}
as sings Ashby-Sterry in his light sweet songs of "The Lazy Minstrel." Henley backwater is the most duskily shadowed of all these river nooks, and an ideal spot it is for lunch or tea, tea with all the perfect appointments of a river boat, when one places across the boat the mahogany board that forms the table and start the kettle in the dainty Drew tea-basket. Across the meadow one sees by the lock bright dresses or blazers, and the yellow funnel or red awning of a launch, but here one may have a dark shady nook so to oneself that the water-rat runs boldly along the willow trunks, nibbling the young branches, and every now and then startling the stillness with a sudden flop into the stream. As for the swans, they are members of society, and not even a crowd startles them. They scent the battle from afar and at the first sign of a repast come sailing up, vicious-looking old father swan well in advance. At this time of year the pair are very likely to be followed by two or three fluffy grey cygnets, who are fast losing the baby prettiness and attaining the giwkiness of youth. They are a wonderful and not altogether pleasing study of character, these river swans. Their fierce greedy hiss close to your ear as you lie in the bottom of the boat, eating bread and butter, is most startling and I myself have a wholesome fear of them. 1 love though to watch them angrily charging down upon some intruder on their own stretch of water. The pursuer fluffs up all his feathers to twice his size, raises his wings high on his back, and, arching his neck until his beak touchethese water, charges through it with an amazing speed, the intruder doing his best to seek safety in tight. When the afternoon glare is over how pleasant it is, refreshed by tea, to come out of one's dark green shelter and paddle slowly down stream again. The distance grows dimmer and bluer with the evening mist; the great rounded masses of English trees are softened by it. The voices of the women going home from the paper factory at Temple sound loudly on the stillness. Wherever one gazes one sees the perfection of quiet English landscape, or some grey old building that tells the tale of its heroic dead. The very names have their own little bit of English history.

On the slopes a little above Henley lies Danestiold, with its still remaining entrenched camp built by tho Danes when their ships went up the Thames to the sacking of Reading. It has been owned for several centuries by the Scott-Murrays, one of the old Romanist families of Bucks. Across the stream, in the flat meadow land, one can see through the trees the grey walls of what was one of the oldest monasteries in England, Lady Place, founded by Queen Emma, the mother of Alfred the Great, and some of the leaden sheets, with the Anglo-Saxon charters inscribed on them, may be seen on the walls of the inner quadrangle. Here, too, the Rye-house plot, which brought Lord Russell and Algernon Sydney to the block, was tirst planned. Beyond Lady Place, close to the murmur of the weir, stands Temple House, the residence of General Owen Williams, whose name, if it remains in history, will do so as the Prince of Wales' friend, and one of the Tranby Croft party in the famous baccarat case. But once past Temple Lock one comss to Bisham Abbey, whose grim grey front faces down towards Marlow, across the flat meadows. It is one of the most interesting historic places in the whole neighbourhood. Here, when Henry VIII. had turned out the monks, his discarded Queen, Anne of Cleves, dwelt, and here the young Princess Elizabeth lived in strict though honourable captivity. But its grey turret that one sees so far above the trees has a gloomier tale than that of divorced queen or imprisoned princess, for here it is told there walks, forever washing her hands, the ghost of a certain Lady Hoby, who beat her child to death for inking its copy-book. Her portrait, a white, cruel face, hangs in the library, where she is said to have taught the child, and the tale is curiously verified by some inksmeared parchments of that period which, some few years ago, were found under the floor of that room, and by the monument in Bisham Church where that same dame, kneeling in all the splendour of ruff and farthingale opposite her husband, with a gradually diminishing row of daughters behind her, has one small girl figure laid at her feet. But Bisham Church has pleasanter memories than this, for, to quote Ashby-Sterry again,

> Here Shelley dreamed and thought and wrote, And wanderedo'or the leas; And sung and drifted in hishor, Beneatht the Bisham trees.

And so the stream floats on, mingling the past and present of English life in its murmurs, and we go

> Drifting down as the night advances.

Alice Jones.

There is often seen this anomaly in women, especially in those of childish natures, that they often possess at once great promptness and great unskilfulness in falsehood.Daudet.

What a comfort a dull but kindly person is at times. A ground glass shade over a gas lamp does not bring more solace to our dazzled eyes than such an one to our mind.O. W. Holmes,

SONNETS,
heart's silence.
My lips lack force of language to express The charms these eyes reveal unto my soul, And thoughts that would be music backward roll, Struck dumb with thine exceeding loveliness; Yet is thy beauty neither more nor less Than my heart's love demands for its life's dole Since I have felt its wondrous aureole Circle my being with a sweet caress. How to describe thy fairness as it falls On my rapt sense surpasses my poor tongue, And envious larks would it might be sung And envious larks would cease their madrigals
But since the soul hath no ear-kissing speech, How can I praise thee, whom no voice may reach?

\section*{II. heart's speech.}

Yet can I not be silent, or my heart
Will be as some sad wretch in dungeon laid, Far from all human voice and where is made No song of Nature and no sound of Art, Who learns at length at his own cries to start In trembling fear till their thin echoes fade And then to stir the silence is afraid Save to call Death and bid him throw his dart. Nay! let the poor words come, a tribute small To my perfection, and for passion's sake Be laid before thee, if thou wilt, to take, O Love! from him who is thy lowliest thrall Great is their imperfection-yet I know
No words more true from any heart can

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\section*{OTT'AWA LET'TER.}

THE release by the Government of their lien upon the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s line between Montreal and Quebec, and the cancellation of \(\$ 1,500,000\) of bonds issued on that part of the road in the time when it was the North Shore Railway, would at any other time be an important enough matter to attract attention and probably cause a long debate in the House. But such is the unhealthy, excited condition of feeling just now, that very little notice seems to have been taken of this trans action. It should certainly benefit the C.P.R., and it is intended to benetit the city of Quebec, for the conditions of the release provide for such an improvement of that part of the road and its equipment, including the erection of lumber sidings, flour sheds and grain elevators, as is befitting the proposed summer terminus of the C.P.R. But neither subsidies nor railways will make up for But netither subsidies nor railways will make up for
natural deficiencies and for want of energy. But at all events the Ancient Capital cannot complain of not having money spent upon it. That complaints can be brought against it by its own friends and with solid foundation was evidenced by Colonel Amyot's arraignment of the Ship Labourers Union, of all labour unions, in Canada perhaps the most despotic and unreasonable. There does not seem to be much use in carrying freight to Quebec for shipment if the shippers may not ship it as they please, but have to submit to the requirements of the
Union Mr.
Mr. Barron might have been seen the other day in the
vel rôle of urging the Government to build a public work. It is not often nowadays that one hears anything about public works from members of the Opposition otherwise than as means of corruption and bribery. However the Trent Canal would run through the constituency of such a good Liberal in the person of Mr. Barron, that the Government need hardly fear to undertake its construction from any apprehension of charges of undue influence.

Mr. Abbott's Bill for the punishment of frauds against the Government is an extension of the provisions of an existing statute to classes of cases which would otherwise go unpunished. The general principle of punishing both the giver and receiver of any gift for promoting a contract or for facilitating business which it is the duty of the reci-
pient to discharge, is worked out in greater detail than in pient to discharge, is worked out in greater detail than in
the law as it now stands. The members of an official's family and persons under his control may not take those "testimonials of esteem and cordial relations" which were so dear to Mr. Senecal. If they do, both the donor and the official will suffer. The manneuvres shown up in the McGreevy-Langevin enquiry will be frustrated by the clause forbidding any compensation for the withdrawal of a tender; and the gentlemen, who have no influence, but who yet know how to sell it at a very high price, will find their occupation gone, as the Bill provides not merely for the punishment of people who take money to promote the obtaining of contracts, but of peop!e who take it for pretending to do so. There is another clause preventing any commission being given or received for purchases unless with the special permission of the head of the department for which the purchase is made. This Bill will make a good Act to hold in terrorem over the heads of possible offenders; but, as in all reforms, legislation alone can do little ; the public opinion which is voiced in the legislation is the effective agent. It will be a surprise to many people to know that there is hardly a case in the recent
disclosures which is not covered by law. In fact the
existence of a statute often seems to suggest means of fraud which might otherwise have remained undiscovered. Sir Richard Cartwright made the Census returns the occasion of a tremendous onslaught upon the Govern ment, which lasted two days. There were many diversions from the main charge, which was in effect that incompetent and corrupt administration was combined with the National Policy to prevent the normal increase of population which had been expected. As one incident, Conservative newspapers were denounced for concealment and misrepresentation of facts in consideration of patronage given. His whole speech was in Sir Richard's most trenchant and fiery style. Mr. Foster's reply was an animated one, and
besides reminding the Opposition of past history of their own doinga as regards subsidies to newspapers, brought the Baie des Chaleurs Railway scandal into the debate as a practical illustration of the "boodling in excelsis" which Sir Richard had reprobated. On the main issue Mr. Foster made a good argument, attributing the non-fulfilment of expectations as to the increase of the population of the Dominion to causes much more deeply-seated and less easy to analyze than any mere considerations of government and policy. He instanced free trade England and the protectionist United States as proofs of this.

Sir Richard roared gently as a dove compared to Mr. Cameron, of Huron, whose language was plain indeed as regards words, but highly ornamented in the grouping of them into epithets hurled at the heads of the Ministry. It has been many a long year since such an aggressive speech has been made in the House of Commons. Mr. Cameron called a spade a spade with a vengeance. This style of attack brought about reprisals from Mr. Mackintosh and reopened much ancient history. Mr. Foster's allusions to the Baie des Chaleurs scandal started off the impetuous Mr. Amyot in a defence of Messrs. Mercier and Company, and in reminiscences of the misdeeds of Conservative leaders which had shattered the illusions of Mr. Amyot's innocent political youth and sent him into intermittent opposition. Somehow or other, like King Charles' head in Mr. Dick's memorial, the rights of the Province of Quebec are always getting into the gallant Colonel's orations. But the outrage on these by the Senate's enquiry was as nothing to that committed by some member discovering that Mr. Amyot was reading his speecha high crime against Parliamentary etiquette. For several minutes did Mr. Amyot assert those rights practically, by such a vigorous and voluble use of his native tongue as would have appalled the honourable gentlemen opposite, who were rasping his feelings, had they understood the words and their tremendous constitutional import. There was a lively episode when Mr. Mills accused Mr. Foster of "boodling" in the matter of the West India line of steamers, and was challenged to formulate a charge. It was early in the morning when this stormy debate ended at last with a division giving the Government twenty-two of a majority.

The Copyright question was brought up last week by Mr. Edgar. The delay of the Imperial authorities to allow the Canadian Act of 1889 to go into operation is attributed by Sir John Thompson to two causes. One of these is incidental, the ditficulty of getting anything done in the way of public business in England; the other goes to the root of the matter, the refusal to admit that such legisla tion is entirely within the powers of the Dominion Parlia ment. The attitude Sir John Thompson takes and his plain statement that this Parliament should insist on the Act of 1889 being brought into operation, left nothing to be desired except the Address embodying this insistance which Mr. Edgar and Mr. Laurier thought should be passed at once, and of which Sir John has since given notice.

A question put in the Senate the other day, as to whether Sir Hector Langevin's resignation had been accepted, brought out the information that he was not act ing as a member of the Cubinet although his resignation had not been accepted. It seems also to have furnished a clue to the solution of some possible difficulties. For it has now been announced in the House that at Sir Hector's own request the resignation has been accepted in order that he shall stand in no false light. The correspondence on the subject between him and the Premier is not very clear, but it is not difficult to read between the lines. The Tarte Committee are still deliberating about their report. It is, however, contidently expected "to-morrow." And after a week's debate on it the session will probably end. That is if nothing else happens to prolong it. Nobody knows what may happen now. One possibility is the Baie des Chaleurs matter coming up in the House of Commons in some unexpected manner. Another is the formulation of charges against Mr. Chapleau. The revelations as to the methods of the Department of Printing and "Stationery, or, to be just, of Mr. Senecal, are getting very warm" as the children say
The charges against Mr. Cochrane, which were alluded to in the last of these letters, have turned out to be
exceedingly serious. There is no evidence against him of selling patronage, but it is quite plain that he was fully a ware of the methods adopted by his party friends to "raise he wind." These would be ludicrous were they not so dangerous to political morality. A regular tariff of prices
for situations, the exchange of a farm for an office as for situations, the exchange of a farm for an office as
bridge keeper, and the systematic distribution of appointments for "services rendered" in endorsing notes, are worthy of Tammany Hall at its zenith.

There has been a minor scandal in the Public Works Department over the discovery that some of the subor-
dinate French employees had sometime ago been supplying themselves with household goods and clothing, and charging the Department therewith. The investigation was principally remarkable for the impudence and want of moral sensibility of the offenders. This can be realized from a story, which is well vouched for, that some of these gentry having heard their late Deputy-Head, a most worthy and amiable man, express a wish to have a cooking range of a certain pattern in his house, presented hiw with one " as a slight token of esteem," the said range having
been obtained on a requisition slipped under his hand for been obtained on a requisition slipped under his
signature, along with perbaps a hundred others.
X.

\section*{PARIS LETTER}

BEYOND the French sailors, the official world and the thoughtful classes, the Portsmouth reception, kindly and well intentioned, will find no lasting echo-the truth must be confessed in France. Orondstadt keeps the lead. But the Portsmouth gathering has impressed the outside world that England desires to live on the friendiest terms with France, as also with other nations, but will keep hersell as aloof from continental alliances as Uncle Sam himself, while remaining free and independent to protect her inter She ests, if inuperilled by any power or any coalition. counts upon herself and will remain true to herself.

France has no historical animosities against Russig, nor does the Muscovite possess a territorial or commerce supremacy to provoke French jealousy. Then France appears to suffer from the self-inflicted soreness of being England, while to any tangible grievance da European conflagration must be the arbiter of the situation. Th French, less the travelled, the politically educated, and the reflecting classes, undoubtedly believe that with Rus. sia on their side they are omnipotent. There is no attempt made to display the other side of the Russian shield. From this has arisen the natural, but lamentably erroneous, conclusion that England bemoans the apparitio of an alliance or coalition, before which she must knuch down ; put water into her wine. Hence is explained Spithead sheep's eyes and mea culpa

During the last week the appreciations of the French press respecting the proceedings at Portsmouth have been as variable as the barmometer itself. A few journala importance accepted the fete of friendliness in the spiriv
in which it was organized; others struggled timidly up to admit there was good in it, but the remainder reiterated caveant consules! It has been remarked that the munic pality of Paris, in not accrediting a representative accept the invitation to Portsmouth, lost a happy occabic to remind England that Parisians were not insensible to her practical sympathy towards them on the terminatio of the siege-when Russia did not contribute a rouble.

Opinion has only to wait and see how Russia intend to aid France; she keeps up the supply of her grad
dukes and high functionaries, so there is no lack of viva for the Czar, for France, for the Russian Hymn, etc., an that keeps fraternization at fever heat and foam poim But all this, for diplomatists, is not business, and a mone must arrive when the French will take stock, will "Where are we now?", An Amerike stock, wind "Where are we now ?" An American friend of mine,
long time a resident in Russia, maintains that the danger long time a resident in Russia, maintains that the danger for France is, not that of being drawn into war by Russies The "Memoires" into the whirlpool of Russian financel
The "Memoires" of Marshal de Molt'se are betty literally devoured. He describes with rare ability, modest and simplicity, the military and political history of getill 1870-71 invasion, its causes and consequences. modern wars with being caused, not by sovereigns, but by peoples. He holds that all the misfortunes of France resuit from the instability of her Governments. If Marshal means by "misfortunes" the rushing into wari he will find in the stable Governments of Louis \({ }^{\text {othe }}\) XI and XV. anything but a confirmation of his views. Moltke alleges that one of the causes of the unreadine in for war in 1870, on the part of France, was her beligar the disunity of Germany. And, strange as it may France counts upon that disunity still, a disunion

\section*{twenty-five times in one hundred years.}

De Moltke illustrates the maxim that victory goes to to \({ }^{\text {be }}\) general who makes the fewest blunders. He reaped with laurels by the errors of his adversuries. He praises with out stint the valour and tenacity of the French prival soldiers, but had no great opinion of their officers. the French plan of campaign, there was an absence iN. unity and concrete aim. This is not a compliment de Freycinet, who, unlike Carnot, was unable to o
victories, as he was virtually Gambetta's Minister o victories, as he was virtually Gambetta's Minister of but holds him to Gambeta onselessly prolonging the when there was no possible hope of success. The Marsh maintains that Bazaine was no traitor, and puts Bourbaki, Trochu and Jules Favre, in the same incapaci
 of Strasburg and Metz, the keys of the door into many, must put an end to all hopes that France can repossess Alsace, save by the fortune of war. nation prepared to stake its existence by fighting
amputated province? The impression left after the
ing of the "Memoires" is that the trained French sol may bo depended upon to do 1870.71 as he ever did, and he may be depended upon to do so again. The unknown mand, and definiteness of the officers, of unity in comTeaton, hut definiteness of aim. These exist with the atiefactory is he certain of Vaterland unity? If all be War Greek will start equal to Greek, while some of the at naval will start equal to Greek, while some of the warthorities in France assert that the next 80, no Sinope will be decided in the Mediterranean. If
may be expected. It is, no abduction of Spanish fleets ing the expected. It is a singular fact that, notwithstandin France, nor of military and naval periodicals published capance, not one has ever sketched a Franco-Russian sible adversaries. Shreds and patches of strategy have
been given but niven, but no exhaustive plan. Can no arm-chair Dorking ? One
and his of the best shots in France is Marsbal Macmahon, mangold and turnip wander alone, over stubbles, through mith his dond turnip fields, vines, etc., for five hours a day, antry easily, recognize him by his old melon hat and roughing costume. It is with a sigh that he joins a shooting He never drinks anything stronger than milk. stalking he prefers the properties of his rela. Austria. The present moment is a very busy
gunners in France, of whom there are 346 Many of the sportsmen are only boguses who arly accused of potting at the same hare in the locality for years. It is "the hare with many dealers-a sportsman must go deep into the the us sportsmen in France who do not shirk plenty of ged the wild boar, a real denizen of the forests, not in as the animal is prepared for royal and princely ings ; and last Foreigners can also share in wolfIn company with some friends I made an excursion ot thirty miles round Paris to observe the state of the in the enjoy the agreeable cold dash, now to be experi-
Harvesting operations were eding apace, but not a little wheat remained to be owing to want of hands. Some of the corn was lodged The vines are well laden with grain from wilh with "their skirts tucked up"-that is, the cll sun and light to ripen. I encountered some very ases of potato blight. The best vine "gardens"--
Yards "-are in the commune of Suresnes, once as the for its famous as it is now for its infamous wine. ielle. Amovorite beverage of Henri IV. and his belle, Among moderns, Victor Hugo, Alfred de roian, but Hugo perhaps was colic, as Mithridates bolieuten, proof.
I paidenants in the French army are not extravafourte and lodge themselves, and to fee their sertourteen frs. a month. Not more than fifty frs. a g and amusements to pay for their uniforms, civil debt, the general sends for him and advises him Goneral's lady may arrange a match for him. If all is and he cannot extricate himself, the War Office calls quietly to resign ; this involves loss of pension hecting the champagne rebellion at Vincelles, near d, though attacked with not allow their viness to be sect petit, to judge by its work, etc., now on view at I Crdinary champagne grapes is 4,000 frs. ; those ed for the Emperor of Russia's cellar realize 32,000 If all farmers could raise these grapes, there be no agricultural depression. And only think holders of vineyards producing grapes saleable in would Pythagoras think of such a diet?

\section*{THE RAMBLER.}
\({ }^{\text {the }}\) " \({ }^{\text {ond }}\) Greville Memoirs," Vol. Ill., p. 125, of the edition is the following entry, dated 20th 1835, in these words: "I have just seen an letter from Frederick Elliot to Taylor, with a of the state of parties and politics in Lower ablest exposé on those heads that has been transrom thence."
of theric letter was written by Mr. T. Fred. Elliot, the first Lord Minto and secretary of the wellGlliosford Commission. Here are some extracts Elliot's very clever and comprehensive epistle, s to day. I s submit them (the extracts) simply of literature and whoever desires to read the may do so in Canadian Archives for 1883.
le have been accustomed, in England, to hear
only two parties in Canada, the English and the French, but there are in fact three parties, the Official, the English and the French, besides some important French classes altogether distinct from the party which goes by that name. The Official-or as the French term it, Bureaucratic party-is composed of a few old men, holding the highest offices. They seem to be fond of privilege, jealous of interference, and ready to take offence at any enquiry into the popular allegations. Most of them are dull, and those who are the reverse are said to be interested It is of very little consequence what they are. Whatever influence they may have formerly exercised, through the instrumentality of weak Governors, they are now destitute of any of the real elements of power, having neither conof any of the real elements of power, having
nections at home, nor weight in the Province."

This is somewhat slashing, Mr. Elliot having evidently written for foreign ears and eyes, quite a Free Lance of
the time. However the writer the time. However the writer goes on to say that he does not like the English party any better. It is "ambitious of dominion," "unscrupulous," and wholly prepared to " cut the tie which binds it to England." Rememberng as we read the events of 1837, we cannot altogether repudiate these assertions. Further on we are given a description of the Assembly, which consisted mainly of Advocates, Physicians and Farmers. "It is true, as you may have heard, that two or three of the Members cannot write their names, and it is said that others, who have had the spirit to learn to trace the characters composing their signature, have no further insight into the mysteries of Reading or Writing." This dark hint, thrown out "Leologetically and deferentially, still synchronises with the "Letters from Ottawa," which I recollect having read in the Detroit Free Press a few years ago.

In fact the real question between the parties in this country is a question of time. The French cannot in their hearts be ignorant that they have a full measure of power at this moment, but they see it continually incliner, as it were, to pass into the grasp of others, and so they are restless and jealous. The English, on the other hand, must be confident that the dominion of the country will eventually centre in their race; but they are impatient and wish to seize the prize before it is legitimately theirs. Both parties are at present in their proper places. Each, or a ally any rate postpone, a transition which will eventually be the proper effect of the institutions of the Province. In the meanwhile collateral objects will arise in the course of the struggle, and results will be valued by
the contending parties, not merely as they mas advance the contending parties, not merely as they may advance their own cause, but as they may injure or humiliate their adversaries. The Government will not be esteemed according to its independent merits or its courageous impartiality; it will be judged by the extent to which its views may fall in with the purposes of one or other of the factions."

I will conclude with a remark which is not altogether inapplicable to the present situation.

I see much weight in the facts on which the English reason. Although they can seldom prove that the French act unconstitutionally, they often show that they use the Constitution unwisely. It is not unconstitutional, for instance, that a great co ordinate branch of Parliament entrusted moreover with the special custody of the public purse, should state the amount of its contingent expenses broadly, and refuse to submit to any canvassing of the details by the other portions of the Legislature; at the same time it is lamentable that, by almost general confession, this privilege is likely to be made the means of bestowing excessive salaries on the partisans of the major ity of the Assembly, and perhaps of defraying the dis bursements of unauthorized committees of correspondence and voluntary congregations of Members out of session."

I have been reminded of that curious book, Hepworth Dixon's "Spiritual Wives," by a paragraph descriptive of the "Agapemone," or Abode of Love, the headquart "Prs of Brother Prince, founder of that sect known as the "Princeites." Brother Prince is ninety, and as he long is attached to his evident longevity. Years come and years go and with them Sects of all descriptions, but in the end most of them disappear. The majority of men find that they can manage the affairs of this life best on three ordinary meals a day, assisted by one wife and a few nice children, and living in a modern house comfortably furthe ordinary ones. In short, the sensible people are appear one by one. We are no longer eccentric, idealistic, enthusiastic, communistic. We no longer despise convention, order, precedence, method, rule. The transition may have been gradual or sudden, but it has taken place, and henceforth we do, or try to do, all things decently whether if Coleridge had ever remain an open question better, he would have given us med his affairs and genius tained verse. We are fond of sighing over the amiable founder of an unsuccessful Pantisocracy, thinking that under other circumstances he might have left us epics worthy to stand by the "Idylls of the King," but a hard and sceptical,
thoroughly pessimistic train of thought incervenes to thoroughly pessimistic train of thought intervenes to saysince he wrote not thus, how can we tell that he ever
would have written thus? poets as we find them. in After all, we must take our found exactly like other people.

I have received a letter from a person anxious to know whether any official or servant of the House of Commons or Civil Service of Canada can grant a patent. I do not understand the question at all, particularly as my corres pondent puts it. I should have thought that the Patent Thise als the would have the right to issue new patents. This is the closing paragraph of the letter: "Acting on instructions from a friend, I visited Ottawa and put my patent into the hands of a gentleman employed in the Marine and Fisheries Department, who conducted the entire matter for me, and to whom I paid a certain sumlarger, as I now hear from an outsider and acquaintance, than it should have been. I suppose this to have been 'commission.' What has the Marine and Fisheries to do ith the Patent Office?"
I cannot tell you. But you may remember that copy right is entered in the Department of Agriculture, so you received your grant or not. Pou must know whether seeking, my dear "H. B.," to get up a fresh sensation. If so, pray do not apply to me to assist you.

\section*{CORRESPONDENCE.}
latin literature for boys and girls.
To the Editor of The Week :
Sir,-I chanced to pick up my Virgil the other day and the book fell open at the well-known passage

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I read and, as I did so, a remark I had heard the previous day came back to me as in a dream. It
came with satirical force, for I felt that before me I had positive proof of its inaccuracy. The remark was to the effect that in Virgil could be found no passage suitable as a study in literature for young boys and girls. "Virgil is too philosophical, too difficult, too complicated in the mechanism of his sentences to afford educative power to immature minds." This, or something to the same effect, was the burden of the argument. Of course, at the time, I had felt the unfairness of the remark-its anfairness not only to Virgil, but to boys and girls. In my opinion it was based upon too lofty a view of Virgil as a poet, and too unsympathetic a view of boys and girls as lovers of romance and action. I remembered passages which had lingered in my mind from boyhood, and conse quently must have made an impression for good at the time. But here, met with at random, was a passage which for simplicity of diction, depth of feeling and richness of imagination, could not be surpassed as material for literary The passage child even of the fairy tale age.
The passage need not here be reprinted. Those who wish to do so can turn it up for themselves. Meanwhile suffice it to say that it is where Aneas has wandered into Carthage after ship-wreck, has met Queen Dido and all her splendours, and, in the opinion of his goddess mother, is in danger of some mischief from the vengeful wiles of 'Juno. Venus decides to forestall her heavenly sister, and, by the artifice of disguising Cupid as Feneas' son Ascanius, inflame the mind of Dido with love for the ill-fated hero. The passage contains her address to Cupid, and the despatch g of the latter on his errand of mercy.
to the legitimate going any further, define my position a demand has of late been classical study. Quite justly our schools and in our universities, should be , both in practical. Like all other practical. Like all other good reforms, this is in danger Hence make tical, whether it is adapted to such treatment or not. That study which in its very nature contributes most to the humanitas of a liberal education, must be so distorted and misapplied as to lend colour to its claim to rank among the practicalities of the age.

I may not agree with many, but I believe that the age is too practical already, and that what is required in any educational scheme of to day is some antidote to this utilitarianism, or, in other words, a more positive effort towards cultivation of the heart. We need an education that will maintain, in due proportion at any rate, the culture of the mind for the mind's sake, and of the emotions for the emofroms sake-an education that will lift the mental gaze from self and self's surroundings and fix it on some pleasing and remote object of an instructive and inspiring kind ; that will kindle the imagination and broaden the sympa thies, ennoble life and elevate the soul to a close munion with the great eternal One. Now, what can be a better medium of education in this direction than Greek and Roman literature? This education must begin with the earliest training of tie child, and to show that Roman literature, and more particularly Virgil, can be utilized for such a purpose during the first two years of our High This passage course is the object of my present writing
raw out the child's imen what can be done with to love for learning, to extend the range of his ment with and, above all, to stir his finer emotions? Moreover it has to be done through the living Latin words of the living Latin poet, or the boys will call it a bore Now let us see.

Boys and girls, turn to that passage in your books marked Eneid, Bk. I. : 'Venus despatching Cupid to
words, the inflections, the way of putting a Latin sentence together. You know, too, a little cf the difference between prose and poetry. You see the passage before you is in the form of poetry, Latin poetry, and you have heard that the poet lived some 2,000 years ago. Lived in Rome, in the brightest period of her history-the reign of the great Emperor Augustus. Now we are going to find out together what this poet said in this particular part of his splendid story called the Anneid. And mind, you are going to read it in Virgil's own words, not in a stupid translation that could not say it half so well as Virgil could. Of course to day I shall help you by trying to put the meaning in English. But I want you to think in Virgil's words with
me, and after a while you must be able to read and think me, and after a while you must
in Virgil's words by yourselves."

After this introduction I would show the pupils a copy of the whole Eneid, pointing out its length, number of books, etc. I would then briefly tell the story of the books, etc. I would then briefly tell the story of of Rome. I would dwell on the relations between Eneas on the one haud and Venus and Juno on the other. The implacable revenge of Juno and the motherly solicitude of Venus; the patient, trustful perseverance of "pious" Aneas. Then the incidents immediately connected with the passage selected. Aneas wrecked and ushered into the presence of Queen Dido. The newly building city, the admiring awe of Aneas, and the concern for him aroused in the breast of Dido. Then the two boys, Cupid aroused in the breast of Dido. Then andus-who they were? Read the Latin through, giving expression and melody. Then take it sentence by sentence and translate, making running comments on the thoughts, the beauty of the fancy and the tender pathos of the whole scene. Never for one moment let the pupils forget that they are by your assistance reading Latin. Point out, too, any word or phrase whose exact shade or full beauty of meaning cannot be photographed in English. Their curiosity and zeal to know Latin will thus be stimulated. Do all this, and more if your enthusiasm prompts you, and I am sure at the end you will feel, and they will feel, that Virgil wrote for boys and girls. In this way, and in this way only, can Latin be made popular, and at the same time be made one of the humanizing factors of the age.
E. W. Hagarty.

\section*{the removal of the oka indians}

\section*{To the Editor of The Whek}

Sir,-In your editorial on page 636 of The Week of this date, reference is made to the "removal of the Oka Indians," in which you say: "The Minister of the Interior stated that the dissatisfied Indians still refuse to go to the new reserve, and that the Government could not force them to leave, the courts having decided in favour of their claims to the lands they now occupy." I was quite sure that the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs could not have said anything like what you have attributed to him. have said anything like what you have attributed to him.
Referring to Hansard, you will find ho said: "I think there has been a ruling of the courts that the property belongs to the Seminary," which is a very correct statement.

For your information I beg to quote from the Records of the Privy Council of 1788 . The Indians of that time claimed the Oka lands. The council accepts the decision of the law officers of the Crown, and declares: "With respect to the claims of title by the Indians of the Lake of the Two Mountains to the Fief of that Seigniory, whatever ideas they might have entertained of a title, we cannot perceive any such right in them." Allow me to add that from that long past day to the present no decision adverse to that decision of Lord Dorchester's council has ever emanated from any court of law; and the Indians residing at Oka are "tenants at will" of the gentlemen of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, who are the legal owners and sole proprietors of the Seigniory of the Lake of the Two sole proprietors of the Seigniory of the Lake of the Tw
Mountains.
Wi. Scotr. Mountains.

Ottawa, Sept. 4, '91.

\section*{ART NOTES.}

Mr. Hamliton MacCarthy, the sculptor, has completed the bust of Principal Grant, of Kingston, which is to be placed in the Normal School museum.

Mr. Gladstone is giving Sir John Millais sittings for the portrait of bimself and his grandchild, which the artist is repainting.

Mr. Gleeson White, the young English poet who has been assisting Mr. Marks in the editorship of the Art Amateur, has resigned his post and will return to London in September.

Ir is satisfactory to learn that the authorities of the South Kensington museum will send out to the Tasmanian Exhibiton some of their valuable technical school work. The Agent-General for the colony is negotiating in connec-
tion with a good art collection that will, in all probability, tion with a good art collection that will, in all probability,
form a feature of the exhibition. Signor Fontana, the sculptor, is sending to the art section four fine statues and a medallion portrait of the Agent-General.

A collectrion of Eskimo works of art, made by Assistant Superintendent Edwards, of the cryolite mines
at Arsuk Fiord, Greenland, is described by John R. at Arsuk Fiord, Greenland, is described by John R.
Spears in Nature. It includes candle-sticks, cigar-holders, ash-receivers, anchors, paper-weights, etc., made of green
rulers, for the Eskimo themselves have no use for ornamental art, but they show considerable skill in sculpture.

Ir is announced that the Italian Government has prohibited the proposed sale of the Borghese collection of pictures and statuary for the benefit of the creditors of Prince Borghese, and has declared its intention to bring in a Bill making "all such sales" impossible in future. The Government is said to hold that "the great private art collections of the country are part of the national glory;" that they "grew up under the fostering aid of the Government," and that thrifts.'

That the scholar and the artist may be united in the one person we have had evidence in the cases of Leonardo and Rubens, but it is no longer possible. Still, the nation as a whole is not driven, like the individual, to decide upon a choice of occupation. Under her shelter there is room for the most diversified pursuits, and certainly no folk who neglected science ever succeeded in winning triumphs in art. Sccrates and Thucydides were contemporaries of Phidias, and the paintings of Polygnotus were produced and found favour with a public which witnessed the first presentation of the pieces of Sophocles, Euripides and Aristophanes. At the court of Alexander, Lysippus and Appelles fraternized with Aristotle. Walther von der Vogelweide and the Architect of the Gothic dome witnessed the revival of the science of jurisprudence and the growth of scholasticism. The Renaissance takes its name as well from the revival of science as of art. Bacon and Harvey followed Shakespeare, and Spinoza and Grotius Harvey followed Shakespeare, and Spinoza and Grotius
followed Rembrandt. Moliere is followed by Bayle, and Goethe by Kant, Niebuhr and the Huanboldt brothers. The Romans, who could boast no important scientific achievements, never became other than mere clever copyists in art, but even here Rome's most distinguished scientists, Varro and Labeo, were products of the same age as its relatively great poets, orators and architects. In so far as it is possible to investigate the problem historically, science and art among the same people flourish simultaneously. This, too, is the case with science and art in our own land and age, for the simple reason that it could not be otherwise. It is the result of a natural law. The artist, be it remarked, is not the teacher, but the mouthpiece of the people. That which he presents to us, and that which alone he should present to us, is not new thoughts, kut new forms for that which we already think and feel. The conditions of art development are consequently, first, that a series of new thoughts shall arise, wanting utterance, and secondly, that the form of utterance shall have the flexibility necessary to adapt it to those thoughts. The artist must be able to mould the raw material into form, but science must provide the raw material. An exhaustive knowledge of the human body, which is the necessary foundation of creative art, can be acquired only by the aid of anatomy, whether this be studied by the dissection of dead bodies or close observation of the muscles in living persons. The manipulation of the marble and the bronze, the production and mixing of colours, are matters of experiment. This, too, is purely scientitic labour, even although conducted by artists. Aalong artists it has always been the most highly educated who have realized most clearly how indispensable science is for their purposes ; and under the poets of all times and ages whose works have survived, there are few, indeed, ager whose works have survived, there are few, indeed,
who did not take the most lively interest in the scientific problems of their day, and realize their indebtedness to science for their most fruitful achievements. That the earth revolves about the sun every school-boy knows nowadays. The discovery appears such a trifling matter that it requires a considerable effort of the intellect to realize the greatness of him who first announced it. The "Antigone" of Sophocles is familiar to all educated persons, and is as much appreciated to-day as by the Athenians of Sophocles' own time, but no one reads the writings
of Copernicus any more. There is no need to. For what of Copernicus any more. There is no need to. For what
was of permanent value in them was absorbed into the scientific literature of a later age, and transmitted from generation to generation. Naturally we admire Sophocles more than Copernicus, of which latter person the most of us have but a very faint conception. Sophocles is certainly "more prominent" than Copernicus, according to the rendering above ascribed to the term; but that he was rendering above ascribed to the term; but that he was
greater, or his works more fruitful for humanity, would greater, or his works more fruitul for humanity, would nicus certainly does not indicate a "lofty standpoint" in German culture, but simply because science has no lofty standpoints. There are periods in which it flourishes, but whatever structures it may raise are at once utilized as foundations for fresh structures. In science it is precisely the greatest achievements that become most deeply buried out of sight. It is the nature of fruitful ideas to bear fruit, id est, to give birth to new ideas, which transcend
the parent thought in which they originated.-Deutsche the parent the
Rundschau.

\section*{MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.}

Emil Goetze, the tenor, has made Berlin his permanent residence.

Patti has postponed her departure for America until late in December.

Anton Rubinstein is making a stay at Dresden; he is hard at work on his new oratorio "Moses," on a new Russian opera, and on a book he is writing about music and musicians. The latter should prove most interesting.

Henry Irving has undergone a surgical operation in the removal of a portion of the uvula by Sir Morell Mac. thenzie.

Minnie Haye, it is said, sails for America to join the Hess Opera Company.
engaged to support her.

AFTER a series of negotiations arrangements have been concluded to give a series of d'Albert recitals in the United States in the spring of 1892.

Il Mondo Artistico reports the invention of a new instrument entitled "Mandoloboe," a kind of mandoline possessing but one string, but its tone is that of the humsa
voice! The inventor of the wonder is a Signor Giacomo Guida.

Dr. Alfred Stelziner has recently invented what is called a "violotta," an instrument standing in conp pas hetween the viola and violoncello. Dr. Joachim of the interested himself

When Verdi built his hospital near Florenzuola it Ho cost \(\$ 40,000\). He endowed it with \(\$ 200,000\) more. .rists is now building in Milan a hospital for poor old artider which will cost \(\$ 100,000\), and he is expected co thirty men.

The new volume of reminiscences by Rubinstein is nearly finished. It will be ready for publication (ear October, and it will prohably be given in French "nd This is man under the title of "Apropos de Musique." Iner and Liszt party will be somewhat unmercifully dealt with.

Paris will have next year a grand historical spectal on the current Columbus theme prepared by Kiralfy. intends to present it also in New York, and has an studying up authorities in the museums of London Madrid. A Columbus exhibition will also occur Madrid in August, 1892. Mr. Kiralfy has arrived in
York from Europe full of the details of his new scheul

A youna girl in Erarce, Miss Dieudonné, has accome of plished a wonderful musical feat, the transpositio Guiraud's "Allegro de Concert," which she read at in a contest. Fifty years ago Cusar Franck, who for the then considered almost superhuman po has since been occasionally repeated as a most irrefuta ewidence of the solid education given to the girls

Ons of the notable figures of Florentine life is the once beautiful and fascinating prima donna Maria Piccite lomini, now the Marchesa di Gretani. New York the far goers of a generation ago will remember her in hralb) ourite rôle in "La Traviata." Her husband is and a member of one of the oldest families of the nobility. She has one son and four daughters, and alt of the latter have inherited
heir charming mother
Elberfeld, in Rhenish Prussia, is preparing to toll shine all other towns in a celebration of the birth on Theodor Korner. The festival will take place Thet 23 rd inst., and will be artistic in all its features. will be an oration, a cantata entitled "Erinnerung Musical Director Rauchenecker, and the patriotic named "Theodor Korner," to be performed by \({ }^{\text {a }}\) teur company of ladies and gentlenien.

Madame Saraif Bernhardt's takings during her \({ }_{3}\) on week's season at Adelaide recently were about
and altogether it is expected that the total earning of
on tragedienne's Australian tour will be about 30 , et Deducting the expenses of the company, travelling \({ }^{\text {eld }}\) it is estimated that Madame Bernhardt and her mand will make at least 2,000 l. a week between then their ten weeks' stay in the Colonies. It is sur that Mr. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry their
visit.

The Paris Gil Blas has a story of Christine Nilasel of the romantic and consequently usually exagger so commonly told of prima donnas-the so which forms the best possible advertisement. presents received in Russia the lady obtained a centre sapphire stone and a brilliant diamon a rose formed of precious stones and bearing "La dernière rose." The present came from admirer, who had heard the famous singer irish melody, "Llowtow in his opera "Martha.

The following story is told of Handel when proprietor of the Opera House, London. During formances he presided at the harpsichord, and so were his embellishments that the attention of
was frequently diverted from the singing to the was frequently diverted from the singing to the
ment, greatly to the mortification of the vo pompous Italian, on one occasion, was so chag marked attention paid to the harpsichord, to his singing, that he swore that if ever him a similar trick, he would jump down ment ; upon hearing which, Handel thus "Oh, oh, you vill jump, vill you? Very vell, so kind and tell me the night ven you vill jug
vill advertishe it in de bills, gand I shall get \(g\) more money for your jumping than I shall for \(\$\) ing."-Musical News.

\section*{OUR LIBRARY TABLE.}

From Shadow to Sunlight. By the Marquis of Lorne, G.C.M.G. New York: D. Appleton and Company. This little story, for there is very little of it, is utilized by the author to give vent to his views on the subject of eviction of the small land-occupiers. commonly known 4 crofters in Scotland; and he endeavours to estab-
that the wisdom or justice of these evictions from a landlord's stand-point. Besides this an ideal American girl is
introduce pore introduced to the reader to whose father a long epistle is object of by the hero of the tale, apparently with the object of enabling the Marquis to unburden his mind as to
What he knows about the Jesuits. The book is well got What he knows about the Jesuits. The book is well got
op in quite a new style, and we venture to predict for it a good circulation.


A Box of Monkeys and other Farce Comedies. By
Grace Livingston Furniss. New York: Harper and
Grace Livingston Furniss. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1891.
and we contents of this volume are exceedingly funny,
ment, promise every reader of them a good deal of amusePert, which would probably be enhanced by seeing them Admirmed in a drawing-room. These little plays are few in number, the dialogue is generally The characters
 medies" is that of burlesque, the whole tone of the lanis caricature. Still, the theory being assumed, this
raty ever excessive. We must except the last of :urlesques, Tulu. Almost everything about it is
 med by some very clever passages. The other thr
however, we have read with much amusement

Kenmare). New Yories. By M. F. Cusack (the Nun of
Kaker and Taylor. 1891 . or many it is necessary, end perhaps for most it may Know very well what that teaches," and Miss Cusack the ohas left the Roman Communion, she does not re been guilty of any misrepresentations. On the here is here given a true enough popular account notice Papal Infallibility and its Consequences, the Iteachion according to Rome and the Moral Effects subjects. Purgatory, the Doctrine of Intention, and subjects. These are deep questions and perhaps a xtracts, however fairly made, but to read the Roman anm and perhaps also the Decrees of Trent and of credit for general fairness, we must point out one ing example of oversight in her remarks on the
in Intention. "The question of Intention was of Intention. "The question of Intention was
she says, "at the close of the second century, regory VIII. was Pope." When one remembers
Was the first Gregory who sent Augustine to Engthe end of the sixth century, it is obvious enough e eighth could not have lived in the second century. brand) and then think that II should have been so put second for eleventh? Popular writers hore boy of Camp Kippewa and the Wheckers SAble Island. By J. Macdonald Oxley. Phila- \({ }^{d} \operatorname{lolphia}\) : American Baptist Publishing Society. of the most successinul and popular of of being the most successful and popular of Canadian
The reader of the two tales contained within \(r\) and above mentioned will find in them ample of the ground of their author's popularity. The curly stories are laid in Canada. Frank Kingson of a haired, blue-eyed hero of the first story, the village of Calumet, situate on a tributary of hiver. His father died when he was still a agh a well grown lad he was. Frank's mother n the village, but anxious to follow his father's hore Boy of Camp Kippewa." In clear, appren as anguage, and with pleasing style, Mr. Oxley tells
the story of Frank's first winter in the woods. With mastery of detail and a practiced hand the life and duties of a Canadian lumberman, from his entering the bush in the early winter to his guiding his raft of square timber down the rapid Ottawa in the early spring, are tersely and vividly depicted. With warm affection and thrilling interest we follow the fortunes of the bright, manly Christian lad, enduring wearying drudgery and vexatious persecution, and with cheerfulness, diligence and courage triumphing over all obstacles, and winning the admira tions of friends and foes alike by his dauntless bravery and their affection by his self-denying solicitude for their welfare. There are passages of such pathetic power as to provoke tears, and others of daring adventure which almos extort the reader's cheers. The story is well balanced, and nothing is sacrificed to the intent to write a good tale. Mr. Oxley has reason to be proud of having written a story which any father may be delighted to present to his boy, being fully confident that he will be the happier and better for its perusal. The companion story is also admirably written. Such tales as these are a credit to Canadian fiction and deserve large and increasing sales.

The Social Science Library, Nos. 2, 3, 4. No. 2, Socialism. By John Stuart Mill; Nos. 3 and 4, Socialism and Unsocialism. By Thomas Carlyle. Price, twentyfive cents each volume, in paper. New York: Humboldt Publishing Company. 1891.
These handsome volumes deserve a very hearty welcome. If the publishers will also issue them in cloth, they will confer an additional boon upon students of moderate means, who cannot easily afford the cost of binding. The subject to which these books are devoted is always of importance, and never has it been of more urgent importance than at the present day. Mr. Mill and Mr. Carlyle are not badly chosen as teachers. Mr. Mill, in his earlier writings, was strongly opposed to Socialism in every sense of the word ; but his opinions became so greatly modified that in the
later editions of his Political Economy he altered large portions of his work dealing with Socialistic subjects; and, although he never became a Socialist in any generally accepted sense of that word, he certainly became less particularist in his views of politics and economic affairs. Mr. Carlyle, on the other hand, with his strong faith in the power of individuals to guide and govern, and in the need of the multitude to be guided and governed, had a deep contempt for "count of heads" and everything tending that way. No one has full possession of all the truth, and therefore it is well that many teachers who are real teachers-as were both Mill and Carlyle-should be heard. The method adopted in these volumes is to give extracts from different writings of the authors employed. Such a method has its disadvantages. The editor or compiler gives you what he pleases, and no more. On the whole, we think that Mr. Bliss, the editor of these volumes, has done his work fairly and honestly. Indeed, in the case of Carlyle, there can hardly be any mistake, as we have, in nearly every case, complete works or parts of works. Thus we have the whole of parts one and three of Past and Present, which we quite agree with the editor in regarding as the most important and characteristic of Cariyle's didactic works. Lovers of Abbot Sampson will certainly miss the delightful second part of this book ; but for the pur pose of the present volume it was not indiapensable. The essay on chartism is also given in the first volume, and a series of well-chosen extracts from the French Revolution occupies more than half of the second. These are admirable additions to our popular publications, and the series prom ises to be of unusual value and interest.

In The Hootprints of Charles Lamb. By Benjamin
Ellis Martin. Illustrated by Herbert Railton and
John Tullylove, with a Bibliography by E. D. North. New York : Charles Scribner's Sons.
The Messrs. Scribners have given to the public in a handsome and artistic volume the entertaining and appre ciatively written papers contributed by Mr. Martin to Scribner's Magazine some months ago, and which have
since been amplified in form and embellished by a number of additional engravings. As a specimen of the bookpublisher's art the work is an edition de luxe; while on the literary side the author has discharged his part with taste and finish, and in that spirit of sympathy which one expects of any biographer of the gentle Elia. There is only one point upon which we find ourselves at variance fact, but one not affecting is regard to a statement of fact, but one not affeeting, so far as the subject of the work is concerned, its value either as a criticism or appreciation. In his introduction to the volume Mr. Martin says: " During the half century since the death of Charles him and immense mass of matter has been gachered about to make this, to us rather surprising, statement: "In burrowing among the treasures and rubbish of this manual I have been struck by the total absence of what may be called a topographical biography of the man or of any accurate record of his rovings." As a matter of fact we think it will be found that in a work published as many as sixteen years ago, namely in 1875 (the centenary edition of the works of Charles Lamb), and since then reprinted in a series of large editions, everyone of the localities familiar to the footsteps of Charles Lamb was already thus long ago identifed, and in in due chronological sequence very care-
fully particula
over again in the various editions of the work mentioned Mr. Martin is scarcely correct in his contention that there has been "a total absence" until lately " of what may be called a topographical biography of the man or of any accurate record of his rovings." How curiously he is in error on the point was set forth at length by Mr. Charles Kent, the editor of the Lamb centenary edition, in a let ter to the Athenuam a few months ago. It would be a grave reproach to English men of letters, and one which we think they are far from deserving could it be shown that it was left to an American writer to first discover the abiding places and record the rovings of one who is per sonally perhaps the best beloved of English writers. For the rest, however, it would be difficult, as has been said, to find ground for quarrel with anything that Mr. Martin has herein written. He has followed him faithfully and as he himself says in a spirit of "affectionate allegiance" in all his wanderings from his cradle close by the Thames to his quiet grave at Edmonton, to whatsoever place bears the glow and memory of his gentle life and his winning presence. The story of that life is, as Mary Lamb wrote of the plays of Shakespeare, " a withdrawing from all selfish and mercenary thoughts, a lesson of all honourable thoughts and actions, teaching courtesy, benignity, gener osity, humanity," and any work that worthily bears upon it needs no commendation to the reader. A word of praise, in the case of the present volume, is due to the publishers. It is printed in large clear type and in the English language, not in the ugly American Websterese. This may seem a small matter for thanksgiving, but from the United States publishers it is so rare a favour as to demand acknowledgment.

The Queries Magazine for September has its usual quota of original and selected matter. The interest no doubt of a large number of its readers is oentred in the Question Department."

Shprember's Book Chat brings its bright, clear and wellarranged store of selections from, and notices of, recent books. This little periodical is a most welcome and serviceable visitor to all lovers of literature as well as literary workers.
"Trour Fishing in Oalifornia," by Roman E. Wilson copiously illustrated in the September number of the Overland Monthly, will captivate others than anglers. The usual complement of poems, short stories and general articles sustains the Overland's reputation.

In the September number of Library and Studio Ella Wheeler Wilcox contributes a poem entitled "Surrender." Will M. Clemens furnishes the fourth instalment of his " Life of Mark Twain," and tells how the famous humorist came to be one of the "Innocents Abroad." Eugene Field and Clinton Scollard contribute characteristic poems to this number.

The Quarterly Register of Current History, second quar ter, 1891, Vol. 1., No. 3, has a full complement and is ou the whole well and fairly written. The matters dealt with which most concern Canada are "The Bebring Sea Dis pute" and "Canadian Affairs." This quarterly is useful, comprehensive and should grow in popularity. The illusrations are poor but the price of the review is very low.

Canadian readers will probably turn with most inter est to the last two articles of the Soptember number of the New England Magazine. "The French Canadian Peasantry," by Prosper Bender, which is full, detailed and interesting ; and "Philip, Pontiac and Tecumseth," by Caroline C. Steeker. Yachtsmen will find the illustrated article on "Edward Burgess and his Work" very attractive.

Temple Bar for September continues Mr. W. E. Norris' interesting serial, "Mr. Chaine's Sons"; Mrs. Andrew Crosse has a very entertaining gossipy pourtrayal of "Science and Society in the Fifties," which present new views of some famous scientists and litterateurs of that
period. "Man," by Frank F. Sherifl, is a short but impressive and meritorious poem. Walter Paton conducts us pleasantly on paper from " St . Petersburg to Sebastopol." A short sketch of Ibsen, short stories and other articles complete a good number.

Outing for September is a notable number. "Ruffed Grouse " is a fine frontispiece ; "On the Plains of Assini boia " is an animated sketch of sport in our North-West, by Nomad. Sporting or recreative readers will find an attractive table of conterts, and varied and interesting articles such as "Trouting in the Metis Lakes," by Dr. C. J. Colles ; "Running High Jumping," by Malcolm Wr Ford ; "The Home of the Red Deer in England," by Charles Turner ; not to mention the excellent poems of E. Pauline Johnson and Florence V. Keys, and other interesting matter

Francis Newton Thorpe, in Vol. II., No. 2, of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for September, ends an elaborate article on "Recent Constitution Making in United States" with the words "Our fathers settled, or tried to settle, on what principles government should be founded; we are settling or trying to settle on what principles government shall be administered." "Economics in Italy" are ably treated by Achille Loria, and the Vicomte Combes de Lestrade contributes a short but instructive article on "The Present Condition of the Peasants in the Russian Empire," in which he invokes the Czar to yield to his thirty millions liberty that shall be real,"

The Illustrated News of 29 th ult. had a superb full page wood-cut illustration of the late Hon. James Russell Lowell. "A Dutch Girl," by Hugo König, is a very engaging face beautifully engraved; "From the Tents of Kedar" is a well-written short story by Mrs. Lynn Linton, with coloured illustrations. There is other interesting matter including an illustrated article on "The Prisons of Siberia," by the special artist of the News.
"A First Family of Tsajara" opens the August number of Macmillan's Magazine. It is the first part of a new story by Bret Harte told in his vivid and pictures que manner, and introduces some strange characters and describes their strange dealings in Harte's old Preserve, the
Pacific Slope. A. E. Street deals with the living question of the "overcrowding of our illustrious dead "under the caption " Westminster A bbey." "The Dutchman at Home is a readable sketch by Charles Edwards. Short stories and other matter make up an interesting number.

A strong number is the Andover Review for September. The Rev. Stewart Means opens the treatment of "Criticism verrous Ecclesiasticism" by an able and scholarly paper on Criticism, which he holds will "carry the higher intellectual life of Protestantism with it because it is moving in the path of right reason and of science ; in the mean time we might ask the Reverend Doctor what is to become of that of Catholicism? In "The Challenge of Life," the greatest of all problems is treated with an attractive grace and charm by the Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster. The lover of Greek and Literature will revel in Professor C. J Goodwin's glowing review article headed "Apollonius of Rhodes and the Argonautica." Professor C. M. Sheldon has a wise, timely and pithy contribution on "Experiments Worth Trying in the Ministry," and Dr. Dana discusses the advisability of founding "A New Ohair" for Social Science. Under "Recent Speculations in Canada," the recent political works of Professor Goldwin Smith, Mr recent political works of Professor Goldwin Smith, Mr

Under the head of "Present Day Papers," an article entitled "The Govemment of Cities in the United States" appears in the September issue of the Century Magazine from the pen of the well-known Seth Low, whose treatment of the subject is peculiarly able and exhaustive. In addition to this valuable paper the other contents of the number are " A Winter Journey Through Siberia," by George Kennan; "The Wood-Nymph's Mirror," by Chas. Henry Lëders; "The Poems of Thomas Bailey Aldrich," by Frank Dempster Sherman ; "David and Goliath," by William L. Dodge ; "To California in 1849 Through Mexico," by A. C. Ferris; "Elder Marston's Revival," by Le Roy Armstrong; "Vigilance," by Charlotte Fiske Bates; "The Distribution of Ability in the United States," by Henry Cabot Lodge ; "The Squirrel Inn" (conclusion) by Frank R. Stockton; "Building," by John Albee ; "The Faith Doctor " (continued) by Edward Eggleston; "'Zeki'l," hy Matt Crim ; "De Morte Beata," by Theodore C. Williams; "A Painter's Paradise," by Elizabeth Robins Pennell'; "Italian Old Masters," by W. J. Stillman ; "Treatment of Prisoners at Camp Morton," by W. 'R. Holloway ; "Country Newspapers," by E. W. Howe, etc., etc.

That popular, enterprising and eclectic magazine, the Review of Reviews, has a good September issue. In The Progress of the World "an illustration and reference is made to the new model steamer, the Whaleback, which will prove a formidable factor in marine commerce.
Capital pictures are given of Punch's cartoonists, "SamCapital pictures are given of Punch's cartoonists, "Sam-
bourne," "Du Maurier," "Furniss," "Tenniel" and the old favourites "Lemon," Brooks, Taylor and Burnand are not forgotten. The chief interest in the number however centres in the leading article, "The Hawaiian Queen and Her Kingdom," by Sereno E. Bishop. This article is well and clearly written, of course with a strong United States colouring. It is an interesting statement of important information of a varied character relating to Honolulu, its people, government, resources, industries, political situation, and the influence it is destined to exert ou the increasing traffic of the North Pacific. Canadians will be amused at the confiding confession of Mr. Bishop that the astute and plucky Attorney General Ashford (a Canadian by birth) outwitted the great United States Secretary, James G. Blaine, though backed by the prestige and power of the Republic, so that "the King refused to agree to what Mr. Blaine had been at so much pains to arrange," a nice little arrangement, in fact, by which the United States would have practically gobbled Honolulu. We regret that Attorney. General Ashford's face is not included among the illustrations of prominent Honolulans.

The History of England by Miss Buckley (Mrs. Fisher), published for use in the High Schools of Ontario, is, per haps, the very best that could have been selected for the purpose. It is well arranged, written in a clear, pleasing style, and is eminently fuir. The title page is somewhat misleading, as it appears to claim a joint authorship. Mr Robertson has very carefully revised the work, made a few needed corrections in the matter of dates and exact ness of detail, but otherwise Miss Buckley's work remains. To the three hundred and twenty-two pages of English history is appended a brief eighty-six pages of Canadian history. We understand the limits were assigned by Authority. Within those limits Mr. Robertson has succeeded in giving a very judicious and thus far complete resumé of Canadian events and life. We have seen none better; but, oh! for Canadian patriotism, fed in our
schools on eighty-six pages of concentrated national food

Liebig's concentrated extract instead of the smoking joint on our table. We warmly welcome this excellent volume, well printed, well written throughout, but plead for what these eighty-six pages only give us a greater longing for- a fuller school history of our own broad Dominion which will train our rising race in a noble love for mankind as it strikes its own roots deep in the strong soil of this larger half of the North American Continent.

\section*{literary and personal gossip.}

A Folk-Lore Congress will be held in London in the first week of October, under the presidency of Mr. Andrew Lang.
M. Renan is hard at work upon the fourth volume of his "History of the People of Israel," and it is said to be rapidly advancing to completion.

The Rev. John McNeill, the celebrated preacher of Regent Square, London, is visiting his brother-in-law, the Rev. Marcus Scott, of Campbellford.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's personal memoirs of her husband, under the title of "Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him," will begin in the October issue of the Ladies' Home Journal.

Edward Everett Hale at 79 writes and edits, preaches, organizes charitable societies whose destinies he controls, and now and then finds time to take a hand in politics.

Mr. Coventy Patmore is said to be engaged on a prose work which will be a sort of supplement to his wellknown poems, "Tbe Angel in the House" and the "The Unknown Eros.

Auguste Vitu, the distinguished French journalist and man-of-letters, is dead at the age of sixty-eight. His last illness found him editing an invaluable edition of Molière-the Jouaust.

When Dr. Liddon visited Egypt and Palestine in 1889, he was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. King, who wrote a number of letters describing the tour. Messrs. Longman have these letters in the press, and will publish them in the autumn.

The American Academy of Political and Social Science has recently published a monograph on "Recent Constitution Making in the United States," by Francis Newton Thorpe, Professor of Constitutional History in the University of Pennsylvania.

Gronge Jones, the publisher of the New York Times, long a prominent figure in American journalism, who died at Poland Springs, Me., Augast 22, should always be remembered with honour for his great public service in exposing the Tweed Ring.

Ir may be taken as a sign of the times that in an Italian publisher's list of best books for the young, com piled after consulting a hundred writers and scholars, Darwin was placed first among foreign writers, Shakespeare coming second, Schiller third, and Goethe and Humboldt fourth and fifte.

Mr. Syl Devenish, the distinguished Creole poet, of Trinidad, has recently been a warded the gold medal, with a first-class diploma of honour, by the Paris Académie of Palmiers. Mr. Devenish has already been the recipient of many similar honours from various learned institutions in both hemispheres, and his West Indian compatriots are naturally very proud of him.

A curious passage has been pointed out in a now rare book, "Conversations of Lord Byron," by Captain Med win. The poet observes: "I always took great delight in the English Cathedral service. It cannot fail to inspire every man who feels at all with devotion." Elsewhere in the same book, Byron is reported as protesting that he possessed religious convictions. Certainly, it is little known that he delighted in Church music.

Messrs. Frederick Warne and Company have recently brought out an admirable edition of Shakespeare's works, under the title of the "Albion" edition. It comprises, besides the plays and poems, a memoir of our greatest poet, and a copy of his will, from the original in the office of the Prerogative Court of Canterybury. The printing is excellently clear, and the cover is adorned by Shakespeare's likeness reproduced in gold on a brown-red ground

Professor H. Graktz, the well-known historian of the Jews, is about to publish in Breslau in four volumes a "textus castigatus et emendatus" of the Old Testament, making use, in conjunction with his own studies and researches for half a century, of all the widely dispersed critical apparatus of that period. His emendations are said to "surpass by many hundreds those of his predecessors, and he hopes to furnish a basis for a universally intelligible translation into modern tongues."

A very curious Hebrew manuscript was sold at auction in New York some weeks ago. It is the Pentateuch in Hebrew written by Jews in China, where the race and the faith have become extinct. This roll is 141 feet 5 inches long and \(24 \frac{1}{2}\) inches wide. It is in excellent preservation and was obtained in China in 1868 as some others were in 1851. It is written on very fine sheepskins, in large, clear characters, without points and without accents. As a curiosity it has value, and for purposes of study and comparison it is almost invaluable. This curious roll formed part of the collection of John Wylie Barrow, a distinguished Oriental scholar.

Macaulay had a taste for ballad literature, and on day he bought a quantity of songs from a street singer in Seven Dials. On his way home, with the sheets find hand, he was astonished, on suddenly stopping, to hid himself surrounded by a company of small boys, "looking up to him as though they expected something. "No'" then,", said he to them, "what is it?
good 'un," replied the boys, "after we've all this way!" "But what are you waiting for?" he asked, astonished at the boy's familiarity. "Waiting for? wh? to hear you sing, to be sure!"

Edmund C. Stedman's lectures on "The Nature and Elements of Poetry," delivered last spring at Johns Hop kins University, are to be repeated at Columbia Coles next winter, and are to be published in the course of "Vi coming year in the Century Magazine, where his orian Poets" and "Poets of America" appeared. It ma be recalled now that Mr. Stedman took the place as lell turer at the Baltimore University of James Russell Lowill whose failing health as long ago as last wiuter conipell him to give up the idea of doing anything of the sort. Stedman's admirable discourses well made up for of Mr. Lowell's, excellent as those would have been.

The first announcements of G. P. Putnam's Sons tor he fall season comprise: "Sir Philip Sidney and Juliu Chivalry of England," by H. R. Fox-Bourne; "" W W Cesar and the Organization of the Roman Empire, Oxford Warde Fowler, M. A., Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxforther A Selection from the Discourses of Epictetus; No XXXV in the Nickerbocker Nugets) No. XXXV. in the Nickerbocker Nuggets). Renaissance, the Revival of Learning in the Fourted.
and Fifteenth Oenturies," by Philip Schaff, D.D. LL.D. "The Industrial and Commercial Supremacy of England, a series of lectures by the late J. E. Thorold Rogers, Prod
fessor of Political Economy in the University of Oxfor

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin and Company announce the following publications: "The Works of Oliver Wed dell Holmes," in a new large paper edition, in thirte " Professor P. H. Steenstra, of the Episcopal Theologic School of Cambridge, Mass, ; "Points of View" bet ssays by Agnes Repplier, author of "Books and Men; "The Complete Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne," a popular edition in eight vols., sixteen mo.;" "The New omy," by Samuel Pierpont Langley, Secretary of th Smithsonian Institution, with nearly 100 full-page Work smaller illustrations, and "The Complete Poetical of Alfred, Lord Tennyson ; " family edition, illustrated.
M. E. W. Hagarty, B.A., an honour graduate in Classics of Toronto University and for some years
School master at Mount Forest, is about to take raduate course in classics at the Johns Hopkins Unive sity, Baltimore. The enterprise shown by such Cand \({ }^{\text {din }}\) sholars as Mr. Hagarty in aiming at a high sta cholarship is praiseworthy. Canada should retain sulu men by providing for them congenial and remunerativ men by providing for them congenial and remuned the work within her bounds when they have enriched
selves with the experience and advanced culture selves with the experience and advanced culture derived from the special courses of the great for versities. How many accomplished scholars of Cana in birth there are, filling honourable, and important foreign universities?

This is Eugene Field's opinion of the burning Richard Burton's manuscript by his wife: "The S Garden was the title of a translation which the tain Burton had made from the Arabic. Finding manuscript, Lady Burton burned it up rather than p ts publication, and for this the lady is being comp by many people who, we suspect, do not kno, are talking about. 'The Perfumed Garden been done into English. It belongs to that tal erotics of which the 'Ananga-Ranga xample, and which has been published by the Shastra Society, so called, of Benares (London ?) poems are curious and beautiful specimens, well w tudy of mature and acholarly men ; and as Burto unquestionably, the most proficient translator of e regard the destruction of his manuscript as a wanton vandalism. All books are not for every literature there is a distinct aristocracy of intel rom reading the songs of Solomon. Literature ikely to be unfit for readers as readers are likels unfit for literature. There is one great truth to have become deeply grounded as yet, and Woman is, by nature, wholly, irredeemably and ir disqualified for the offices of literary executor. and a kitchen-stove will do more damage in
than a horde of hungry savages in five years."

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READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

\section*{OF MYSELE}

This only grant me, that my means may lie
Too low for envy, for contempt too high.
Some honour I would have,
Not from great deeds, but good alone ;
Rumour can are better than ill-known
Acquaintance I would grave
Acquaintance I would have, but when 't depends
Bon,
Books should, not business, entertain the light,
And sleep, as undisturbed as death, the night.
My house a cottage more
Than pallace ; and should fitting be
My garden painted o'er
Hora Nature's hand, not Art's ; and pleasures yield,
Horace might envy in his Sabine field.
Thus would I double my life's fading space
For be that runs it well twice runs his race.
And in this true delight,
I would not fear, nor wish, my fate;
Bould not fear, nor wish, my fate;
To.morrow bay say each night,
Or morrow let my sun his beams display,
O 1 ,
\(O_{r}\) in clouds hide them ; I have lived to day
-Abraham Cowley (1650).
the litelary breadwinner.
A popular English " authoress" bas thrown a bomb ing her to buiet life of the average English girl, by advis8he her to become a writer rather than a reader of fiction. great demand for for women of England that there is a
the and that one has only to please the pubnand for fiction, and that one has only to please
The "live with all the magnificence of a prince." The Publisherrs' Circcular, in commenting upon this bad
Mdvice, says that a literary statistician has estimated that "in Lays that a literary statistician has estimated that
"London alone there are twenty thousand persons Tring London alone there are twenty thousand persons
"how earn a living by the pen"; and asks, of these,
to many are sure even of a daily dinner ", It seems "o me many are sure even of a daily dinner \(!"\) " It seems
pecial
tlle less than a crime to urge those who have no pecial fitte less than a crime to urge those who have no
books for the profession to write novels or other Thness for the profession to write novels or other
say-mere are already many hundreds-thousands, I say-more books written than ever will be printed, thausands more printed than find readers. The numfails, and it is cruel to lead people on to waste their disappointment that surely awaits them. "A man Who disappointment that surely awaits them. "A man
"canas mastered a trade,", says the Publishers' Circular, can generally make a fair living, but the unsuccessful
Miter, unless he have other means, is sure of nothing but Morvation." unless he have other means, is sure of nothing but

\section*{But the heroic age of portugal.}

BuT, though the history of Portugal possesses its an interest as showing how one small portion of the also many features of romantic incident, especially the epoch when it was for a time the leading
of Europe. The extraordinary vigour shown by hab Europe. The extraordinary vigour shown by
balf of the this small corner of Europe during the half of the tifteenth and first half of the sixteenth
hes is most remarkable. Not only were Portuguese at is most remarkable. Not only were Portuguese in emall boats, in which modern sailors would like to cross the English Channel, but they dared a Ocean to India and Ceylon. Thence they venround the point of Singapore, and established themat Macao, from which centre they explored the of China and Japan. In the other direction, West, they crossed the Atlantic, and discovered and distribution for the products of the East, and to a height of wealth and luxury unrivalled since
of ancient Rome. The history of the Portu"conquistadores" in India for the first hundred conquistadores" in India for the first hundred
Hope is one long romance ; the vastness of their Hope is one long romance; the vastness of their
, the grandeur of their exploits, and the nobilof surpassing in oble captains, combine to make of surpassing interest. And when it is rememconquerors were inhabitants of the smallest of Europe, their success seems the more extrary, and the interest in the story of the nation which
the Portuguese heroes becomes the more absorbing. ariably happens during the heroic age of a nation's diterature and arts flourished at a time distinby military and naval prowess, and as Spenser much as Drake and Raleigh, the age of Vasco da
and Albuquërque in Portugal could boast also of icente, Sa de Miranda and Camoens. The abrupt
Portugal from the greatness and wealth of Portugal from the greatness and wealth of its
period to an insignificant place among the nations full of the an insignificant place among the nations
lessons which history teaches us as hy H. Morse Stephens.
skulls of great composers.
The phrenologists will find themselves put upon their mettle by the discovery of the fact that the skull of Mozart now in the possession of an Austrian anatomist, does not exhibit those peculiarities which the disciples of Gall and Spurzheim allege to be inseparable from musical genius of the highest order. When Beethoven's cranium came under the examination of the phrenologists it was found that the protuberances which, according to the laws of phrenology, ought to have existed, were not at all observable. The skull of the mighty composer, in fact, was rather small, and might have been supposed to belong to a person of only ordinary intellect. Measurements of the skulls of Haydn and Schubert also showed that the skulls of those composers were not much more capacious than those of mark them among the great. An attempt is being made to show that Mozart's skull does not belong to him, but to some other person who has paid the debt to nature without conferring any particularly high services on humanity. But the evidence as to authenticity in the case of Mozart appears to be incontrovertible. The great master was interred in the cemetery of St. Marx, south of Vienna, as an entry in the register of the parish conclusively shows. gifted composer died on the previous day, at the age of gifted composer died on the previous day, at the age of
thirty-six, and that his remains were accorded a "thirdclass burial,", at a total cost of "eleven florins and fiftysix kreutzers." A wily grave-digger, with more prescience than distinguished the rest of his countrymen, took note of the spot where the composer was laid, and, ten years later when the grave was re-opened, the grave-digger appopriated the skull which now so grievously upsets the calculations of the phrenologist. Another grave-digger, who is charmingly described by a correspondent of the Standard as "an enthusiastic lover of music," kept the skull in a cupboard for several years, after which it passed into the hands of the Viennese professor. It is to be hoped that after the indignity of a "third-class burial" this remnant of the great composer will be allowed to rest in some more fitting receptacle than a cupboard.--Piano Organ and Music Trades Journal.

\section*{creatures of the fields and woons.}

We are by the covert side, and a strange churring comes from the glades. Waiting silently beneath the bushes, it approaches nearer and nearer, until a loud
flapping is heard among the nutbush tops. The object flapping is heard among the nutbush tops. The object
approaches quite closely, and we can see that the noise is produced by a large bird striking its wings together is they meet behind. Even in the dark we detect that each wing is crossed by a definite white bar. Had we the ing in our hand, we should see that it seemed a connecting link between the owls and the swallows, having the soft plumage and noiseless flight of the one, and the wide mouth of the other. The noise it produces among the trees is probably to disturb from off the bushes the largewinged moths upon which it feedss. This is the nightjar or goat-sucker. The latter name it has from a superstitious notion that it sucks goats and cows, founded probably upon the fact of its wide gape. It is certain that these birds are often seen flitting about the bellies of cattle as they stand knee-deep in summer pastures. The reason of this is obvious, as there insect food is always abundant. Coming from out the woods the short, sharp bark of a fox is heard, and this is answered at intervals by the vixen. Rabbits rush across our path, or rustle through the dead leaves, their white scuts showing as vanishing points in the darkness. The many-tongued hedge-bird which tells her tale to all the reeds by day, prolongs it under the night. Singing ceaselessly from the bushes, she chatters garrulously or imitates the songs of other birds; until my
old angler friends call her the " fisherman's nightingale." old angler friends call her the "fisherman's nightingale."
When by the covert side, one of the calls which one constantly hears is the crowing of cock pheasants ; this is indulged in the densest darkness, as is sometimes the soft cooing of the wood-piegons. Both pheasants and cushatis sleep on the low lateral branches of tall trees, and from beneath these the poacher often shoots them. He comes when there is some moon, and with a short-barrelled gun and a half charge of powder drops the birds dead from
below. One of the greatest night below. One of the greatest night helps to the game-
keeper in staying the depredations of the poachers is the keeper in staying the depredations of the poachers is the
lapwing. The bird is one of the lightest sleeperg of the field, starting up from the fall the lightest sleepers of the slightest alarm. Poachers dread the detection of this bird, and the keeper closely follows its cry. A hare rushing past will put the plover away from its roost, and when hares act thus there is generally some good cause for it. . . One of the most piteous sounds that is borne on the night is the bare's scream when it finds itself
in the poacher's nets. It resembles nothing so nearly in the poachers nets. It resembles nothing so nearly as
the cry of a child, and when it suddenly ceases we know the wire snare has tightened round its throat. All night long crake answers crake from the meadows, appearing now at our feet, now far out yonder. Like the cuckoo, the cornrail is a bird oftener heard than seen; it is of
hiding habits, and finds a secure and snug retreat in lush hiding habits, and finds a secure and snug retreat in lush
summer grass. Beneath the oaks bats encircle after nightflying insects, and there by the stream side are clouds of gaudy ephemeræ. The wild whistle of a curlew comes from high overhead as the bird flies through the night to its far-off feeding ground. In the fall of the year multitudes of migratory birds pass over; we "hear the beat of
their pinions fleet," but their forms we cannot see. If
only, however, we hear the cry of their voices falling dreamily through the sky, the species is easy of indentification. If we approach the reedbeds silently we may hear the hoarse croak of the frogs; or springing wild ducks as they beat the air with their strong wings. Emerging from the waterside to a belt of coppice, we are again reminded how lightly the creatures of the field and woods sleep. The faintest rustle brings chirping from the bushes, and in the densest darkness even some of the delicate wood-birds sing-not only the sedge and grasshopperwarblers, but from the willows come the lute-like mellowness and wild sweetness of the blackcap, another night singer.-" Nature and Woodcratt," by John Watson.

\section*{sea trips as a ciange.}

When exhaustion has gone so far as to produce a condition of positive breakdown without any special organic lesion, a sea trip is in most cases to be preferred to any
alternative. The patient has the advant alternative. The patient has the advantages of perpetual
carriage excreise without the carriage exercise without the irksomeness of restrained posture, and without its limitation to a few hours of sunshine. The chilling effects of night air and alternations of dryness and dampness of atmosphere are almost unknown at sea; and a recovery may in such cases usually be predicted as following almost certainly a few weeks on shipboard. But it is to the middle-aged man more than all others that a holiday at sea is to be recommended. In the great majority of cases the man who leads an active business or professional life selects his form of holiday as much for what he gets away from as to what he gets to. The desire to get out of harness and to escape from the weary treadmill of the recurring cares from which few active men are free is never better met than by a voyage. To such men exercise is a secondary consideration. Fresh air and the incidents that vary the monotony of sea life are sufficient to give all the benefits that any change can give, whilst the gentle exercise of walking the deck is sufficient to stimulate the appetite and promote digestion. The impossibility of doing anything more energetic than walking the deck is a safeguard to persons of this class; for, after the first flush of youth is over, the sudden transition from a sedentary life to severe exertion is more apt to be attended with risk than with benefit.--London Medical
Recorder. Recorder.

\section*{A new letter of carlyle's.}

In the current number of a contemporary appears a very characteristic letter from Carlyle, which has, we believe, never before been published. It runs as follows :-

5 Cheyne Row, Chelsea, London, April 13, 1840.
My Dear Sir,-I am about to employ you on rather a singular commission: which, however, I doubt not you will execute with your wonted good-nature. Close folded within this paper is a card containing a gold half-sovereign I am in pressing want of tobacco pipes; this small gold coin is to procure me, through your kindness, tobacco pipes from Edinburgh. Down in the Canongate, not far from John Knox's House, there used to dwell and labour that eminent pipe maker, Thomas White. He, verg probably, is no longer alive ; but his representatives, his manufactory, must be still there, and pipes of the same eminent fabric. The kind of pipe I was wont to get there were his best and biggest, 3s. 6d. a gross. You now see clearly
what it is that I solicit of what it is that I solicit of you.

Having well fixed in your mind that "Thomas White" or the "late Thomas White" is the man, and " 3s. \(6 d\). per gross" the kind, there is nothing more to be added, except the propriety of straitly charging the people to be most careful in the packing; and then to ship by the first steamer-for my hurry is considerable. You must under-
stand I had ordered from Glaggow stand I had ordered from Glaggow no fewer than five gross
of a still nobler sort of pipes than White's ; but the of a still nobler sort of pipes than White's; hut the
wretched people having packed them in a deep box (instead of a broad shallow one) and with sawdust (in the place of hay), the whole concern arrived here in a state of dust and ruin, some forty-five pipes safe in all: this makes me anxious for speed; anxious too that the Whites may pack I write in such haste I hardly know what I has
I write in such haste I hardly know what I have said but it seems to me you will not fail to decipher what I
mean ; and I know well you will, in your old manner, set about doing it straightway. As many best pipes as 10 s . will buy and pack ; that is it.

We are pretty well here ; I am to lecture in May-a thing that terrifies me somewhat. I ride diligently every day to get into clearer spirits at least

We had your friend the Bishop lately, who seemed to be immensely refreshed by the smell of our smoke, by the sight and sound of our tumult. It is the way with men! To him the roaring Strand is medicine ; to me here Minto Craig seems not unlike a kind of Heaven. God keep you always. My wife joins in kindest salutations. Yours very truly,
T. Carlyle.

Recently a versel sailed from a Belgian port for West Africa, having on board fourteen missionaries, four handred and sixty casks of gunpowder, eleven cases of gin, and ten thousand casks of rum.

A woman's real worth is estimated by the goodness of her heart, the greatness of her soul and the purity of her character. Women who have these attributes make the best of wives and the truest of mothers.

SCIENTIFIC AND SANITARY.
As interesting French invention is that of an electric lock which may be unlocked by simply pressing a button. In Paris many of the small hotels close their doors early in the evening, and the belated guest often has some difficulty in getting the sleepy porter to make his appearance at the door. The inventor thinks that if the porter has only to press a button that the door would be more promptly opened.

A new device is an electric oil-well heater, designed to remove the paraffine that collects in oil wells. A water-tight case contains an electric heating coll, and two hollow rods from the upper end carry the conductors, which may be connected with a battery or dynamo placed wherever desired. The heater is placed in a well, point downward, and as it goes down the parafine melts before it quicker than breath disappears from a razor.

The English Electrical Engineer tells how the telephone may be used for foretelling storms. By placing two bars of iron at seven or eight yards distance from each other, and then connecting them on one side by a copper wire covered with rubber, and on the other side with a telephone, a storm can be predicted at least twelve hours in advance by the sounds heard through the receiver. The sourds are said to be like
those produced by hailstones thrown against glass, while each lightning flash produces a shock light that of a stone thrown against the diaphragm of the receiver.
A micnoscopical and chemical examination of a peculiar form of metallic iron
found on St. Joseph Island, Lake Huron, has just been made by Mr. G. C. Hoffmann, of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada. The iron appeared in the form of spherules disseminated through a thin deposit of dark reddish-brown limonite which coated certain faces of some surface specimens of quartz. These metalliclooking spherules were found to consist of nuclei of silicon, coated with a humus-like substance, which in turn was overlain by a metallic layer containing all the elements most frequently met with in meteoric iron. But the small proportion of nickel present ( 0.11 per cent.), and the relatively large amount of phosphorus ( 1.07 per cent.), as also the fact that the spherules contain nuclei apparently of a concrete character, leads Mr. Hoffmann to suggest the possibility of a terrestrial source for the material, upon the assumption that it has resulted from the reduction of an iron-salt by organic matter. An account of the phenomonon, accompanied by four coloured plates,
appears in the "Transactions of the Royal appears in the "Transactions
Society of Canada" for 1890.

\section*{"German Syrup"}

\section*{For'Throat and Lungs} "I have been ill for Hemorrhage "about had the best Five Years. "medical advice, " and I took the first "dose in some doubt. This result" ed in a few hourseasy sleep. There "was no further hemorrhage till next "day, when I had a slight attack "which stopped almost immediate"ly. By the third day all trace of "blood had disappeared and I had "recovered much strength. The "fourth day I sat up in bed and ate "my dinner, the first solid food for "two months. Since that time I "have gradually gotten better and "am now able to move about t!e 'house. My death was daily ex 'pected and my recovery has
"a great surprise to my friends nni 'the doctor. There can be no donl t 'about the effect of Germon Syer: 'as I had an attack just pueviou " its inse. The only reliei "the first dose." J.R

The great loss of energy by the slipping of belts has suggested to the inventive genius of Edison a method of increasing the adhesion of belts to pulleys by the aid of magnetic action. The belt consists of a number of steel wire ropes which are crossed by bars of soft iron. The holes in the bars
through which the ropes pass increase in through which the ropes pass increase in
diameter from the centre outward in both directions, so that in passing over a pulley entire flexibility is secured. The pulleys are made of iron and are highly magnetized by means of an electrical current operating through magnet windings. The soft iron bars in the endless belt are curved on their inner surface so as to make the contact with the smaller pulley as great as possible.
Many devices have been invented for the use of dentists in exploring the mouths of their patients, but the great trouble with them has been that the patients did not like the hot, flaming lamps placed in their mouths. An ingenious American dentist in Paris has, however, invented a device that does away with these annoyances. The idea of the apparatus is to concentrate the rays of light on the point to be examined, and not introduce a lamp in the mouth at all. To do this a good-sized incandescent lamp is incased in a wooden handle, and back of the lamp is a metallic reflector. The light is concentrated in a long tube, which alone is inserted in the mouth. The end of the tube is clear glass, while the rest is ground glass. The device can be used not only in dental operations but also in surgical cases.
That prickly pirate of the plains, the Mexican soap weed, is being converted rapidly into a delicious toilet soap, " fit to wash the hands of the Pope," by a West Bottoms manufacturing company. It is the root that is used. A sharp spade is driven down deeply by the side of the plant, the earth is broken and the thick, brown root secured. The top, with its long spines, is thrown aside. Sometimes a long, sharp tool is required to reach deep into the ground in order to secure the greater part of the root. Like the prairie dog, "it goes down to water." The root has been known to extend as far as twenty feet into the soil, but only from two to three feet of the upper portion, which is about two inches thick, is worth digging for. The roots are first washed, then cut up and boiled out in a big vat, where other ingredients are also placed. When this is dried out to such a degree that it will solidify it is moulded into semi-transparent cakes that slip around in the hands delightfully while being used.Kansas City Times.
For many years astronomers have been seeking a device that would automatically register the passage of a star across the field of a telescope. The honour of a successful invention for this purpose belongs to Rev. George A. Fargis, the assistant director of the Georgetown College Observatory. He calls the devive a photochronograph, and it very cleverly does its work by the combined action of electricity and photography. The apparatus is very complicated, but it may be described in a general way by saying that a photographic shutter placed in the transit instrument works synchronously with beats of a clock. When a star begins its transit a connection is made with a clock relay. An armature actuated by a coil lifts the shutter when the current breaks, and falls when the current is turned on. The make-and-break occurs every tenth of a second, and hence the photographic nega-
tive back of the shutter tive back of the shutter shows a simple line of dots, each representing a tenth of a second exposure. The apparatus is said to be successful, and it is considered as marking an important epoch in the history of mechanical aid to the science of astronomy.
IT has generally been supposed that the absurd practice of flattening the head was peculiar to the Chinook or Flathead Indians of the Lower Columbia River in Oregon, U.S. Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, however, has discovered fiattened heads among the Navajo tribes of north-western New Mexico. In this case the back of the head is flattened,
and the effect is to diminish the length of and the effect is to diminish the length of the head and produce a high upright fore-head-in short, to reverse the object of the Chinook custom. One of the skulls collected
by Dr. Shufeldt had a cephalic index of by Dr. Shufeld had a cephalic index of
94.6 , that is to say, the breadth was 94.6 per cent. of the length. These hyper-
brachycephalic or excessively broad skulls
are not seen in every individual of the tribes, nor are they confined to a particular sex. They appear to be a variety of the race, for Dr. Shufeldt cannot discover any artificial means of forming them, like the pressure board used by the Chinooks. The child's head is quite free in the cradle, and there is a soft pillow for it to rest on. Whether the flattening is due to carelessness on the part of some of the mothers in not providing a proper pad, or to inheritance from a past age when the back of the head was purposely compressed, is still a matter of doubt.

Another substitute for bone, celluloid, etc., in some of the industrial arts has been brought to public attention, the substance in this case being milk, its usefulness being exhibited in the form of combs, billiard balls, brush backs, knife handles and various other articles for which ivory, bone, or celluloid are employed. Jn accomplishing this, casine, or the solids in milk, is first reduced to a partially gelatinous condition by means of borax or ammonia, and then mixed with mineral salt dissolved in acid or water, which liquid is subsequently evaporated. The casein is placed in a suitable vessel, and the borax incor porated with it by heat, the proportions being ten kilograms of casein to three of borax, disolved in six litres of water, and, on the casein becoming changed in appearance, the water is drawn off, and to the residue, while still of the consistency of melted gelatine, there is added one kilogram of mineral salt held in solution of three litres of water. Almost any of the salts of iron, lead, tin, zinc, copper or other minerals soluble in acid may be used. On the mixture being effected, the solid matter is found separated from the greater portion of the acid and water, and is then drawn off. Next the solid matter is then subjected to great pressure to drive out all possible moisture, and then to evaporation under great heat to remove any remaining moisture. The resulting products, called "lactites," can be moulded into any form, and
by admixture of pigments or dyes may be by admixture of pigm
of any desired colour.

The akin of toads and salamanders has lately been submitted to microscopical examination by Mr. Schulz (Intern. Journ. Micros.), who finds that there are two kinds of glands present in the skin of these animais, viz., mucous and poisonous. The former are present all over the body; the latter are confined to the back of the body and limbs and the ear region behind the yyes; and in the salamander are present at the angle of the jaw. The poison-glands are larger than the mucous glands in the salamander, are oval, and have a dark granular appearance, due to strongly refractive drops of poison, a good reagent for which is copper hæmatoxylin. The poison is secreted by epithelial cells lining the glands and, when the animal is stimulated by electricity, it is exuded slowly in drops by the toad, but discharged in a fine jet, sometimes to the distance of a foot or more, by the salamander. The anesthetic action
of the poison of the toad and the use to of the poison of the toad and the use to which it is put in medicine by the Chinese have frequently been pointed out.-Science.

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