LITERARY ITEMS.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is writing a new serial story for "The Atlantic Monthly." Charles Dickens is also engaged upon a serial novel, the publication of which, however, will not begin for several months.

The London Publishers' Circular says: "The visit to this country of Professor Youmans, in order to present Mr. Herbert Spencer with $5,000 and a very handsome gold watch, as a testimonial from his American admirers, suggests another illustration of the good that might result from an International Copyright Convention between Great Britain and that country."

Joseph Redman Drake's "Culprit Fay" has been for some two years in the hands of artists, engravers and printers, and will make its appearance from the press of Carleton, New-York, in a few days, as a holiday book of the most attractive character. It contains 100 original illustrations, printed in the best manner upon the finest tinted paper.

A new juvenile magazine, to be called "The Riverside Magazine for Young People," is announced for the coming holidays by Hurd & Houghton. It will contain sprightly articles, with choice illustrations, and be handsomely printed at the "Riverside Press." The cover in colors and the full page illustrations will be particularly attractive. Its articles and illustrations will be original, and its tone American.

It is said that an engineer and a compositor in Leipsig have constructed a new printing-machine, with seven cylinders, each producing 2,000 copies an hour. Also that Mr. Marinoni, of Paris, has made a newspaper machine which will turn off 10,000 copies an hour. Hoe's prints 20,000, but two of the new machines can be bought for 80,000 francs less than one Hoe's. The cost of working these two is estimated at at 10,800 francs less per annum than for one Hoe.

Dr. Isaac I. Hayes, the Arctic voyager, has in press a new volume of Northern adventure, entitled "The Open Polar Sea, a narrative of a voyage of discovery toward the North Pole made in the years 1860-61 in the schooner 'United States.'" The work will be illustrated from designs by Darley, White, Fenn, and others, after the author's sketches. Dr. Hayes purposes to lecture during the coming Winter. Lyceum Committees may address him at No. 33 West Twenty-fourth-st., New-York.

The Stationer, a London literary monthly, says: "Mr. Bell, the late proprietor of *Bell's Messenger*, was the person who originated the exclusive use of the round s in printed books. When this letter was first introduced it met with great opposition. As an instance of this may be noted the circumstance that Messrs. Gilbert having set up three sheets of a work for a late Bishop of Durham, in which the round s was used, were obliged to recompense them, as his lordship declined to sanction the innovation."

P. O'Shea, No. 27 Barclay-st., announces "The Purgatorian Manual," by the Rev. Thomas S. Preston, Chancellor of the Diocese of New-York; a second edition of "Rosa Mystica," by Marie Josephine (Abby Maria Hemenway), and "Rosa Immaculata," a new poem, by the same author. The fourth and concluding volume of Mr. O'Shea's handsome edition of Darras's "History of the Catholic Church," containing notes and an elaborate introduction by Archbishop Spalding, will be published Nov. 1.

The London Spectator avers that the Russian collection in the library of the British Museum is more complete than any library in Russia. Owing to the severe censorship of the Russian press the thoughts of Russian and Polish liberals are forced to seek publication elsewhere. A considerable and increasing number of books in those languages are published at Brussels, Paris, London, Berlin, Geneva and other towns. These books are of course not to be found in the libraries of St. Petersburg and Moscow. Similarly, the pamphlets of French political emigrants at Brussels are not to be met with in Paris.

Messrs. Hurd & Houghton, we believe, have abandoned their intention of republishing Mr. Swinburne's last volume, which has been so stoutly abused and so warmly defended in England; but it will shortly be brought out by Carleton under the title of "Laus Veneris, and other Poems and Ballads." The author called his book simply "Poems and Ballads" and we think that title ought to have been preserved. It is hard enough that a writer cannot control the sale of his own works in a foreign country, we might at least leave him the privilege of naming them.

M. Adolphus Huard, of Paris, has published a biography of Charlotte Corday, who killed the infamous Marat on July 14, 1793, and was guillotined for the deed. From this it appears that, instead of being a Normandy peasant, as generally believed, she was a noble by blood as well as by intellect, and that a younger sister of Corneille, the dramatic poet, was among her ancestry. An elder cousin of hers, who survived until 1831, remembered Charlotte as one who was grave or gay, reserved or loquacious, serious or laughing, as the time warranted; but ever with a love for children and their companionship, and with (as she was wont to say) the manners of a well-bred young lady—according to the usages and traditions of the De Corday family.

A Heart's Content correspondent of *The Boston Journal* says: "What amuses one at first in these houses is the inevitable baby or the twins in arms. There is a baby in every house and cords of little children everywhere. But all the fabics are of the same age. To be sure, as the young lady remarked, 'babies are always in season,' but it did seem strange that they should all be born about the same time at Heart's Content. The life of the fishermen may possibly account of this 'infant phenomenon.' At this season, for instance, all the boys and nearly all the able-bodied men are at Labrador. They are absent all Summer. They return in the Fall. And this annual crop of juveniles, as Tony Weller remarked, 'is the consekens of that eve maneuver.'"

A fire broke out in Wiscasset, Me., at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, and raged until noon, destroying over 50 buildings, including the Custom-House, one hotel, the sail loft, marble works, and hay warehouses. Two yachts were burned at the wharves. A strong northeast wind rendered it impossible to stop the fire and it swept to the water. With the almost difficulty it was kept from spreading to windward, or the whole village must have burned. The total loss is $200,000. Half of the business part of the town is in ashes, and nearly 40 families are rendered homeless. A citizens' meeting, to take measures for the relief of the sufferers, was held Tuesday afternoon.

A letter to *The Journal* states that Mr. Amos Spear, a respectable citizen of Saco, Me., was murdered on Saturday evening near the covered bridge between Saco and Biddeford by three roughs named R. Hartly Lewis, Chas. E. Edgerly and Chas. Watkins, who belong in the latter place. Lewis turned State's evidence, and stated that he and his two companions concealed themselves, waited for Spear, and when the latter approached Watkins struck him in the head with a club several times, knocking him down, and the trio then stamped on him until he was nearly dead, and then rifled his pockets. They attempted to throw the body into Saco River, but were frightened by the police, by whom they were subsequently arrested. Spear's wife was with him on the evening named, but went home, leaving him at a store. He worked in York Mills, and was paid off Friday. He was about 25 years old, and leaves a wife and one child.

A servant girl at Fall River, Mass., saw a burglar at 1 o'clock on the 4th inst. entering the window of her chamber in the attic. She immediately arose in bed, when he sprang toward her and threatened to blow her brains out if she made any noise. He then seized her, placed his hand over her mouth, and inflicted several cuts on her breast and neck, with some sharp instrument, declaring that he would have his revenge this time, as she had disappointed him twice. In the scuffle which ensued, the other servants, with the members of the family, were aroused and rushed to her chamber, but the scoundrel made his escape by the window. The girl was found to have received three severe cuts across the breast, and a slight one under the chin. In her struggle with the ruffian she pulled the bed clothes up around her breast and neck, which probably prevented the wounds from being more serious. No reason for the assault can be assigned, except that the girl had given the alarm on the previous visits of the villain to the premises.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Colloquies of Edward Osborne, Citizen and Clothworker, of London. By the author of "Mary Powell." 8vo. pp. 53. Walter Gibson.

The Poetical Works of Alfred Tennyson, Poet Laureate. (Diamond Edition.) 16mo. pp. 520. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

Curious Questions. By the Rev. Henry A. Brann, D. D. 12mo. pp. 292. Newark, N. J.: J. J. O'Connor & Co.

Utterances. By A. J. H. Duganne. 8vo. pp. 36. Robert M. De Witt.

The See of St. Peter the Rock of the Church, the Source of Jurisdiction, and the Center of Unity. By Thomas William Allies, M. A. 12mo. pp. 310. Lawrence Kehoe.

The Ghost of my Husband. A Tale of the Crescent City. By W. Gilmore Simms, esq. (The Sunnyside Series.) 12mo. pp. 154. Chapman & Co.

The Hardships of an Heiress. By Mrs. Gore. 8vo. pp. 192. Frederic A. Brady.

History of the United States Sanitary Commission, being the General Report of its Work during the War of the Rebellion. By Charles J. Stillé. 8vo. pp. 559. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

A General History of the Catholic Church from the Commencement of the Christian Era until the Present Time. By M. l'Abbé J. E. Darras. First American from the last French edition. With an Introduction and Notes by the Most Rev. M. J. Spalding, D. D., Archbishop of Baltimore. 8vo. Parts 35 to 41. P. O'Shea.

The Physician's Hand-Book of Practice for 1867. By William Elmer, M. D. 18mo. pp. 205. W. A. Townsend.

The Independent Liquorist; or the Art of Manufacturing and Preparing all kinds of Cordials, Sirups, Bitters, Wines, Champagne, Beer, Punches, Tinctures, Extracts, Essences, Flavorings, Coolings, Worcestershire Sauce, Chili Sauce, Catsup, Pickles, Preserves, Jams, Jellies, &c., &c. By L. Monzert, Practical Liquorist and Chemist. 12mo. pp. 193. John F. Trow & Co.

Dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Cheshire, Conn., on the 4th of July, 1866. 8vo. pp. 48. New-York: Wm. W. Rose, Scanner.

Political Economy of Prophecy, with Special Reference to its Relation to the History of the Church, and the Civil, Military, and Ecclesiastical History of the Roman Empire, and of its last Emperors, the three Napoleons. By the Rev. R. C. Shimeall, of the Presbytery of New-York. 12mo. pp. 262. John F. Trow.

The Psalm King; a Collection of Sacred Music. By T. E. Perkins, Author of "New Olive Branch," "Sacred Lute," &c. pp. 302. F. J. Huntington & Co.

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