LITERARY NOTES.

Is history all a pack of lies then? Will the critic leave us nothing? No great men? No great battles? Nothing but mean motives in that which has passed so long for the purest patriotism? There is Lycurgus, Chief Justice of old Sparta, and admired for years as a model law-giver; and now comes a Herr Trieber, (a German of course), who pretty much demolishes this great fame. He traces all the knowledge we have of Lycurgus to Euphorus, whose works are only known to us by quotations in Aristotle and Plutarch. This Euphorus, it appears, is no more trustworthy than some of the revered biographers of *Napoleon Imperator*. All that the skeptical Herr will admit is that a man named Lycurgus may have lived in Sparta, but as to the time when, it appears that the Greeks themselves differed to the extent of a century or so. So we go; and, A. D. 3,000, antiquarian investigators may possibly prove James Fisk, Jr., Geo. Francis Train, and others of our great ones, as much imaginary characters as we wish that they were now.

"The Wonders of the West" is the attractive title of a series of splendidly illustrated articles which will run through *Scribner's Monthly* for 1872. These papers commence with a graphic and witty article on "The Yosemite," in the January number. In the February number, Prof. Hayden will describe some additional Yellowstone Wonders, discovered by his expedition last Summer; and there will be illustrated articles on curious, out-of-the-way regions of the great West, about which, at present, but little is known. We are promised also some lively, illustrated papers of travels in all parts of the earth; the series of "Living American Artists" will be continued, as well as the specialty of illustrated poetry. "At His Gates" is the title of Mrs. Oliphant's new serial which begins with the January number. Short stories will be supplied by Saxe Holme (whose "Esther Wynn's Love Letters" and "Whose Wife Was She?" have attracted much attention), Hans Christian Andersen, Mrs. MacQuoid, and many of the best English and American story-writers. Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney has recently been added to the list of contributors to *Scribner*, as well, as Col. T. W. Higginson, Mrs. R. S. Greenough, the Rev. Geo. R. Bacon, and Bayard Taylor. A series, similar to his "Back Log Studies," already published in *The Monthly*, will be contributed by Charles D. Warner, the author of "My Summer in a Garden." The series by the Hon. Mr. Gladstone has already been announced. Important essays on religious, financial, and educational questions, by eminent writers will appear in early numbers, and in the editorial departments will be continued the able discussion of topics of the time, reviews of art, music, literature and the drama, and all that concerns culture and progress at home and abroad. Dr. Holland will contribute, as heretofore, to every number. It will also have, during the year, several articles of special interest to Californians. In the January number there will be a description of "The Big Trees and the Yosemite," with a series of illustrations of that region, said to be the finest yet engraved. This is the first of an illustrated series entitled, "The Wonders of the West." A handsomely illustrated article on a still nearer locality will soon appear, and contributions may be expected from Charles Warren Stoddard, Joaquin Miller, and Noah Brooks. Mr. Brooks has written for *Scribner* a story of "The Cruise of the Balboa," which will be published in an early number. Scribner & Co. are printing, for gratuitous distribution, 1,000,000 copies of advance sheets of Mrs. Oliphant's new story, "At His Gates," which begins in the January number. Saxe Holme's story of "Esther Wynn's Love Letters," in *Scribner* for December, is understood to be founded upon some incidents connected with Longfellow's house at Cambridge.

A new volume of essays by Miss Frances Power Cobbe is in the press, entitled "Creeds of the East and Speculations of the West." It will contain her articles "On Unconscious Cerebration," "On the Religion of Childhood," and others of a similar character.

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REAL ESTATE.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1871.

At the Exchange there was a large attendance of spectators to witness the sale of Muller, Wilkins & Company, who offered some very valuable property, located on Grand Boulevard, One-hundred-and-twenty-third, One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third-sts. The bidding was tame and unsatisfactory, and the larger portion of the property was withdrawn. We give the prices of the property struck off, although it was understood that it was not sold. Four lots on the north-side of One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., 175 feet east of Grand Boulevard, each 25x100.10, brought $2,000. Three lots on south-side of Twenty-third-st., 344 feet east of First-ave., with necessary buildings for a coal-yard, brought $6,200 each. Three lots in the rear, on Twenty-second-st., also used as a coal-yard, brought $7,000 each. One lot, 25.2½x about 80 feet, on Grand Boulevard, midway the block between One-hundred-and-twenty-second and One-hundred-and-twenty-third-sts., was struck off at $4,000. The lot adjoining, having the same frontage and an average depth of 76 feet, was knocked down at $3,350. James M. Miller adjourned Supreme Court sale of lot on Fortieth-st., until the 27th instant.

City Real Estate for Sale.

A.—116TH-ST. (100 feet wide) three LOTS near Ninth-ave., overlooking Morning Sun Park, for SALE at a bargain.
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1ST. ANN'S-AVE.—Four lots, north-west corner of St. Ann's-ave. and 141st-st.

141ST-ST.—Two Lots, north side of 141st-st., 100 feet west of St. Ann's-ave.

142D-ST.—Five Lots, south side of 142d-st., 150 feet west of St. Ann's-ave. (5,968)

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BY BANGS, MERWIN & Co., Broadway, cor. 4th-st.—Sales of Books, Works of Art, Fancy Goods, Furniture, &c., MONDAY, Dec. 11, to SATURDAY, Dec. 16.—SALE OF AMERICANA, in Executors' Catalogue No. 14 of the Gowans Estate, beginning each day at 4 p. m.

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