LITERARY NOTES.

In the text of "Engravings on Wood" the writer says that the idea of Aldrich's poem, "Identity," originated with Vedder, whose illustration of it is so well known. This is a mistake. The verses were published in "The Atlantic" in July, 1875, and Aldrich showed them to Vedder in Rome in 1879, whereupon he painted the picture which so cleverly embodied the idea and presented it to Aldrich subsequently in Boston.

Valdes's beautiful and touching story, "Marta y Maria," a translation of which has been published here under the title of "The Marquis of Penalta," is to have a successor. Mr. Nathan H. Dole has translated his new novel, "Maximina," and the book will soon be published by Crowell.

A third edition of Mr. Palmer Cox's delightful "Brownie" book is now on sale.

The life of Sims Reeves written by himself is in the press in London.

Mrs. Oliphant's new book, "The Makers of Venice," will shortly be issued by the Macmillans.

A History of the American Theatre before the Revolution is in course of publication by Mr. G. O. Seilhamer, of "The Philadelphia Times." He presents a consecutive narrative with lists of the performances of the early companies, full casts, summaries of the parts of all the actors and reproductions of many quaint old epilogues, criticisms, etc.

Among the prettiest of the New Year novelties are the celluloid cards of Baldwin & Gleason. The delicate, transparent material like fairy ivory, has been wrought into many charming shapes—little calendars, tablets, book-covers, etc., all treated with real artistic feeling.

Mr. Wilkie Collins has written a tale entitled "The First Officer's Confession."

Mr. Ruskin's portrait in the forthcoming "Century" will be accompanied by an article by W. J. Stillman.

Mr. Ruskin himself has written for "The Magazine of Art" an article on "The Black Arts." It is to be illustrated with reproductions of three of h's own original drawings.

The fact that the "Overland Monthly" is increasing greatly in strength and originality ought to be gratefully recorded. Its December number is a notable one both in its prose and verse. We are glad to note its progress and predict their from its assured future.

Bohn's Libraries consist at present, it is recorded, of about 700 volumes. These have had a sale since their beginning of about 4,000,000. Bell & Sons propose to begin immediately the issue of Bohn's "Shilling Library of Standard Works." Each volume will be complete in itself, with notes, introductions, biographical notices, etc. The first volumes, to be published on the 2d of January, are Bacon's "Essays," Beasley's translation of Lessing's "Laokoon," and Cary's Dante's "Inferno." These will be followed at intervals of a fortnight, by Miss Swanwick's translation of Goethe's "Faust," Part I., "The Vicar of Wakefield," Goldsmith's Plays, Plato's "Apology," Hauff's "Caravan," Moliere's Plays, Helps's "Life of the late Thomas Brassey," Stewart's "Life of the Duke of Wellington," etc.

Margaret Veley, the author of the clever stories "For Percival" and "Mrs. Austen," lately died in London. It is said that the gift of literature was innate in her. She used to make up stories before she was able to write and she printed them in pencil for the amusement of her sisters.

The "Sonntags Journal" is a German illustrated weekly journal published by Max Jagerhuber in this city which has followed its English contemporaries and issued a special Christmas number with many interesting features, among them several full page cartoons by C. De Grimm.

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B W Flour, pkgs	815	Oatmeal, bbl.	250	Pecans, pkg.	214
Beans, bbls.	135	Oatmeal, hgs	275	Pork, bbls.	1,062
Cotton, bales	6,014	Grass seed, bags	265	Beef, pkgs	50
Cotton seed oil, bbls.	491	Grass seed, pkgs	577	Cutmeatspkg	3,320
Copper bls.	100	Hides No.	2	Lard, tcs	1,300
Dried Fruit, pkg	7,859	Hides, bales.	556	Lard, kegs	737
Eggs, bbls.	595	Hops, bales.	1,844	Butter, pkgs	4,238
Eggs, cases.	1,079	Lead, pigs	2,800	Cheese, pkgs	4,398
Flour, bbls.	47,636	Leather, sid's	10	D Hess, No.	110
C Meal, bbls.	522	Leather, cas's	513	Quicksilver, flasks	600
C Meal bags	900	Molasses, hds	5,075	Rice, pgs	568
Wheat, bush	79,750	Spirits turp.	50	Spelter, pcs.	750
Corn, bush	36,850	Tar	2,000	Starch, pkgs	200
Oats, bush	83,000	Oilcake, pks	460	Stearine pks	100
Rye, bush	180	Oil, lard, bbls	60	Tallow, pkgs	133
Malt, bush	7,000	Oil, stock, pkgs	124	Tobacco pks	535
Barley, bush	25,595			Whisky, bbls	725

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

COFFEE—Prices for Brazil style were reduced ½c. to the basis of 18¾c. for fair Rio upon invoices, but little business was accomplished, the sales reaching only 1,000 bags Santos on the above basis. The milder growths were firm. Sales, 1,570 bags Maracaibo. The option market opened irregular at a slight decline and continued easy throughout the session, final figures representing a net advance of a out 10 points for the day as follows: January, 16.30@16.35; February, 16.20@16.25; March, 16.20@16.25; April, 16.15@16.20; May, 16.10@16.15; June, 16.05@16.10; July, 15.75@15.80. August, 15.35@15.40; September, 15.10@15.15; October, 14.85@14.90; November, 14.75@14.85; December, 16.65@16.85. The ranges on the different months are: January, 16.4@16.35; February, 16.35@16.25; March, 16.35@16.25; April, 16.25@16.15; May, 16.20@16.20; June, 16.10@15.99; July, 15.85@15.85; August, 15.45@15.40; September, 15.35@15.10; October, 14.95@14.90; November, 14.95@14.90; December, 16.65@16.60. Sales, 59,500 bags.

COTTON—In keeping with a sharp decline in the speculative market during middle of the day spot prices were reduced 1-16c. Sales, 40 bales, all of which were for consumption. The port receipts today aggregated 34,903 bales, comparing with 24,284 bales this year; the receipts have aggregated 3,958,185 bales, against 3,603,363 for the same time last season.

Quotations based on the American Standard of Classification are:

	Uplands.	Gulf.
Ordinary	7 11-16	7 13-16
Strict Ordinary	8 3-16	8 5-16
Good Ordinary	9⅛	9¼
Strict Good Ordinary	9⅞	9⅞
Low Middling	10 3-16	10 5-16
Strict Low Middling	10⅝	10⅞
Middling	10 9-16	10 11-16
Good Middling	10 13-16	10 15-16
Strict Good Middling	11 1-16	11 3-16
Middling Fair	11 7-16	11 9-16
Fair	12 1-16	12 3-16

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Good Ordinary	7⅝	Low Middling	9⅛
St. Good Ordinary	8 5-16	Middling	10⅛

The option market opened at an advance of 4 points on stronger accounts from Liverpool. The rumors of the death of Emperor William were circulated soon, however, and a decline of 12 points was the direct result, though with the l c. of continuation a recovery set in as the day advanced and final quotations being without decided change from those of yesterday. Sales 121,700 bales.

Months.	To-day's closing prices.		—Extreme— Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
December	10.13@10.19		10.24	10.14	2,800
January	10.52@10.53		10.57	10.45	10,700
February	10.32@10.34		10.38	10.26	12,400
March	10.45@10.46		10.48	10.38	30,900
April	10.57@10.61		10.63	10.52	14,300
May	10.69@10.73		10.77	10.65	22,800
June	11.0 @		11.05	10.94	10,000
July	11.06@11.07		11.12	11.00	2,500
August	11.16@11.17		11.24	11.02	1,800
September	10.25@10.30		10.36	10.17	1,100
October	10.29@10.30		10.34	10.26	700
November	10.10@10.11		10.10	10.10	1,000

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—Medium and lower grades still attract most attention, making the bulk of the trade. City Mills' Extra continues in moderate demand and prices generally unchanged as a general rule very steadily maintained. Sales 21,000 bbls, including 2,000 City Mill extra at $4 30@$4 75; for West Indies, latter in newskins; 1,000 bbls Fine at $2 10@$2 50; 1,000 bbls Superfine at $2 45@$3 10; 1,000 bbls Extra No. 2 at $3 20@$3 60; 3,100 bbls Winter Wheat Extra No. 2 at $3 40@$3 90; 300 bbls Winter Wheat Extra at $3 25@$3 50, and 1,000 bbls City Mill Extra at $4 30@$4 75 for patent. Rye flour steady at $3 40@$3 60 for superfine. In meal the sales were 300 bbls, taken by exporters, including Brandywine, $3 25. Market closed steady. Quotations are: Superfine, $2 10@$2 45; City Mill extras, $4 30@$4 75; City Mill patent, $4 75@$5 25; Minnesota extras, $2 90@$3 25; Minnesota patents, $4 25@$4 75; Winter Wheat extras, $2 90@$3 25; Winter Wheat patents, $3 40@$3 90; Rye flour, $3 40@$3 60; Rye mixed, $3 25@$3 50; Brandywine, $3 25@$3 50; Graham, $3 25@$3 50; Buckwheat flour, $2 25@$2 50; Buckwheat meal, $1 90@$2 00.

WHEAT—Receipts, 79,750 bush. Opening prices were fully 1c. higher, but the market ruled very dull and weak, and closing prices were 1c. lower than last night. The decline was due to the weakness of the foreign markets, the cable reporting a decline of 1d. Receipts at the West were very large, and there was a report that the Canadian Pacific would ship 1,000,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat to Europe. Foreign advices were also bearish, the Continent reporting a large crop of 1887. Sales, 2,000,000 bush, including 1,000,000 bush Manitoba spring. Prices ruled very dull and weak, with a decline of 1c. Sales, 2,000,000 bush, including 1,000,000 bush Manitoba spring at 87¼c. for January, closing at 87¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 88¼c. for February, closing at 88¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 89¼c. for March, closing at 89¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 90¼c. for April, closing at 90¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 91¼c. for May, closing at 91¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 92¼c. for June, closing at 92¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 93¼c. for July, closing at 93¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 94¼c. for August, closing at 94¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 95¼c. for September, closing at 95¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 96¼c. for October, closing at 96¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 97¼c. for November, closing at 97¼c.; 500,000 bush Manitoba spring at 98¼c. for December, closing at 98¼c. Rye flour steady at $3 40@$3 60. Rye mixed, $3 25@$3 50. Buckwheat flour, $2 25@$2 50. Buckwheat meal, $1 90@$2 00.

CORN—Receipts, 36,850 bush. Opening prices were