NEW PUBLICATIONS.

NOVELS AND SHORT STORIES.

ERIC BRIGHTEYES. By H. Rider Haggard. 16mo, pp. 319. Harper & Brothers.

EIGHT DAYS. By R. E. Forrest. 12mo, pp. 384. United States Book Co.

THERE IS NO DEVIL. By Maurus Jokai. Translated from the Hungarian by F. Steinitz. 12mo, pp. 307. Cassell Publishing Co.

COLONEL CARTER OF CARTERSVILLE. By F. Hopkinson Smith. 12mo, pp. 208. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

DOWN THE O-HI-O. By Charles Humphrey Roberts. 12mo, pp. 313. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

THE RUDDER GRANGERS ABROAD. By Frank R. Stockton. 12mo, pp. 195. Charles Scribner's Sons.

FOURTEEN TO ONE. By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. 12mo, pp. 416. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

A VIOLIN OBLIGATO, AND OTHER STORIES. By Margaret Crosby. 16mo, pp. 321. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

BALAAM AND HIS MASTER, AND OTHER SKETCHES AND STORIES. By Joel Chandler Harris. 12mo, pp. 293. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

OTTO THE KNIGHT, AND OTHER TRANSMISSISSIPPI STORIES. By Octave Thanet. 12mo, pp. 348. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The model of "Eric Brighteyes" is the old Icelandish Sagas, and the tale is an attempt to reproduce both the style and the spirit of those grim Norse stories. Mr. Haggard's literary prepossessions render such an experiment much less dangerous in his hands than it would be with an author less permeated by the Viking spirit. He is indeed peculiarly well qualified to treat a period in which fighting and feasting were the chief occupations of the Scandinavian people. It would not be possible to exaggerate the importance of war in the life of that time, for it was literally the dominant element. When public war did not prevail its place was taken by private war, and when internecine strife slackened there was always the cheerful and profitable recourse of piracy to fall back upon. It is needless to say that Mr. Haggard finds himself thoroughly at home in such a "milieu"; and the flavoring of supernaturalism which seems necessary to him is well supplied by the famous Finnish witchcraft, of which the Sagas furnish so many illustrations. It must be admitted that there is a decidedly suggestive resemblance to the redoubtable Zulu Umslopogaas in the Baresark Skallagrim; but then it may be said that the former is really a kind of African Viking. Of course, the novel is full of fighting, which is heroic in its situations, and the combats are supplemented by sorcery of the boldest and most expansive character, for your Finnish witch never occupied herself with petty affairs, but handled the elemental forces with a free hand, producing storms and fogs and other imposing phenomena on the smallest provocation. Eric Brighteyes, the hero, is the strongest, bravest and best of men, according to the standards of his age, but also one of the most unlucky. His courtship of Gudruda the Fair is a succession of disasters, in which Eric usually kills all his open enemies, only to be put to confusion by his secret adversaries, first among whom is Swanhild, witch-daughter of a witch-mother. She is in love with the hero, and bent upon preventing his marriage with Gudruda. Here is matter for romance enough, and the author makes full use of it. Occasionally he finds himself unduly restrained by the archaism of the style he has assumed, and then he reverts to his own, sometimes with rather odd effects. But the tale is told with great spirit, the local color is on the whole skilfully applied, the movement is brisk and continuous, and the employment of the Norse superstitions of the Norns gives to the whole that impressive aspect of the march of inevitable destiny which was no doubt a familiar view with the old Scandinavians. It is a tragedy, and the culminating scenes are among the best in the book. The phantom review of all the men whom Eric and Skallagrim had slain, on the night preceding their own last fight, is very well done indeed. So is that grim and great slaughter in which the two giants go down; while the closing touch is masterly of its kind.

"Eight Days" is almost more a chronicle than a novel; so evidently drawn from the life is the stirring and graphic narrative of an episode in the great Indian mutiny of 1857. It is written, too, with remarkable power, and the reader follows the fortunes of the English men and women upon whom the disaster fell unheralded like a bolt from the blue with sustained and eager interest. The picture of the state of affairs at Khizrabad just before the outbreak, when the routine life was being calmly pursued, and there was marrying and giving in marriage, forms an admirable background to the ghastly sequence. There is no plot to the book, which reads precisely like a plain but detailed account of actual events, and which, allowing for substituted names, may indeed be just what it seems. In any case, however, it is a singularly realistic and fascinating story.

Maurus Jokai is a distinguished Hungarian man of letters, and the novel now offered in translation, entitled "There Is No Devil," is said to present a fair example of his powers in fiction. He is no realist, but a man of strong imagination, great descriptive facility, and rather an undue craving after originality. Many of the scenes in this book are striking, such as that of the railroad disaster at the very opening. The hero's choice of a wife from three women, all of whom he, a physician, an allenist, suspects of being more or less mad, can hardly be thought felicitous, and in effect his bride turns out to be a good deal worse than insane. The hero himself, however, appears to be a little "touched," as witness his remarkable speculations on the Bourse, whereby, while doing his best to lose one million, he wins eight. The freshness of this story is more apparent than its art. It is, however, eminently readable, and should gratify the demand of the modern Athenians for "some new thing."

Mr. Hopkinson Smith's "Colonel Carter of Cartersville" is an amusing and sympathetic study of the old-fashioned Southern planter ruined by the war. Upon this well-known type the author has grafted some of the attributes of Colonel Mulberry Sellers, with singular results. It is very light work, done with a facile touch and the necessary humor. The central conception has been much overworked, and moreover, it has been degraded into burlesque so often that it is no longer an easy matter to handle it so that degeneration into farce is avoided. Mr. Smith has not always succeeded in keeping to the line, but he has done well considering all the difficulties of the case, and his little novel is amusing.

"Down the O-hi-o" has a good deal of merit. It describes the fortunes of a Pittsburg waif, a little girl, who, while seeking a relative in Ohio, is taken in and cared for by a Quaker farmer living in a settlement of the Friends. The study of the rural Quakers shows close and careful observation and an uncommon appreciation of character. There is not much plot to the story, but much really clever description and many highly interesting tableaus illustrative of Ohio country life.

Mr. Stockton has taken the Rudder Grangers to Europe, and given them some strange and rather trying experiences. The vicissitudes through which Pomona's baby passes are harrowing—after the Rudder Grange standard of affliction—but all's well that ends well. "Euphemia among the Pelicans" is funny, but not too funny. "Derelict" is a good story, but hardly funny at all. The same may be said of "The Baker of Barnbury." "The Water Devil"—a tale told by instead of to, a marine, is, we are inclined to think, the most thoroughly Stocktonian of the collection.

Mrs. Phelps has brought together, under the title "Fourteen to One," a number of uncommonly strong short stories. Every one of the fourteen really deserves separate treatment. Several, as for instance "Jack the Fisherman," "The Madonna of the Tubs," "A Brave Deed," etc., have attracted more than passing notice on their first appearance in the magazines. A distinct vein of satire is discernible in two or three, the objects being incapable preachers and special forms of sacerdotal narrowness and hardness. When writing in this vein Mr. Phelps is as capable as any one of inserting pins in the quick, and one can fancy much fur being stroked the wrong way, metaphorically speaking. But it is delightful writing, and her command of pathos is rare, while wholly free from the common fault of exaggeration.

Margaret Crosby is another competitor for honors as a writer of short stories, and very well she sustains the American reputation in this respect. She is, however, somewhat given to veiled meanings and has a way of treating things sometimes which is slightly esoteric. Her stories, however, are capital as a rule. "On the South Shore" is perhaps one of the most entirely satisfactory in this volume, though "A Mad Englishman," "The Copeland Collection" and "An Islander" run it close.

"Uncle Remus" gives us another volume of Southern stories, in which, however, negro dialect plays but a minor part. There are six tales, and of these we are disposed to put "A Conscript's Christmas" first, both for the freshness and force of its description, the kind of life (that of the mountains) of which it treats, and the general interest of the narrative. "Ananias," the chronicle of a faithful ex-slave's fidelity and self-devotion, is another good one, and "The Old Bascome Place" a third.

Octave Thanet furnishes a fresh batch of "Trans-Mississippi" sketches and stories, under the title "Otto the Knight." It would seem from "The Conjured Kitchen" that the author does not wholly disbelieve in negro magic, Voodooism, and so forth. "The Loaf of Peace" is a very pretty and well-told story. "The Day of the Cyclone" is spirited and neatly rounded. "The Governor's Prerogative" has the special merit of surprising the reader by the unforeseen. "The Mortgage on Jeffy" is decidedly good. Octave Thanet has versatility, insight, graphic ability. What she needs most is vivifying force. Her characters are apt to be shadowy at times.

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PROPOSALS FOR DISAPPEARING GUN CARRIAGES.—Ordnance Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., May 22, 1891.—Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 3 o'clock p. m., on MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1891, at which time and place they will be publicly opened, for supplying the Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, with one 8-inch and one 10-inch Disappearing Gun Carriage. Blank forms on which proposals must be made and all information required by bidders can be had upon application to Brig. Gen. D. W. FLAGLER, Chief of Ordnance.

PROPOSALS FOR ORDNANCE SUPPLIES.—National Armory, Springfield, Mass., May 30, 1891.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received until 12 o'clock m., on TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1891, for furnishing powder, forage, gunbarrel and other steel, iron castings, charcoal, lumber, hardware supplies, stationery, paints, oils, chemicals, soft soap, gasoline, grindstones, black walnut gun stocks, etc., during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892. Printed lists of supplies bedded, with full instructions, stipulations, etc., can be had on application to Col. A. R. BUFFINGTON, Ord. Dept., U. S. A., Commanding.

PROPOSALS FOR 8-INCH, 10-INCH AND 12-INCH STEEL GUNS.—Ordnance Office, War Department, Washington, May 8, 1891.—Under the provisions of Section 2 of the act approved August 18, 1890, as modified by the act approved February 24, 1891, sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office from citizens of the United States until 3 o'clock p. m. on MONDAY, JULY 13, 1891, at which time they will be publicly opened, for furnishing the Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, with twenty-five (25) 8-inch, fifty (50) 10-inch, and twenty-five (25) 12-inch steel gains, and ammunition for their test or proof, all to be of American manufacture. One-fourth (¼) of these guns may be constructed on the Pacific Coast. Blank forms on which proposals must be made and all information required by bidders can be had upon application to Brigadier-General D. W. FLAGLER, Chief of Ordnance.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Repairs, Room 104, U. S. Court House and Postoffice, New-York, N. Y., and opened at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the 6th day of June, 1891, for all labor and material required to complete, in accordance with the specifications, repairs to plumbing, painting, calcimining, cleaning interior marble work, &c., in the Sub-Treasury Building in that city. Bidders must state the number of working days in which they will complete the work. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for one hundred dollars ($100.00), drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the United States. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. The specification can be seen and any information obtained by applying to JOHN W. MARSHALL, Superintendent of Repairs.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Office Marine Hospital Service.—Washington, D. C., May 27, 1891.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until noon of Saturday, June 6, 1891, to furnish a new steamer for the use of the Marine Hospital Service in the Gulf of Mexico. The vessel should be not less than 100 nor more than 125 feet in length, fully equipped and ready for sea. Also a new naphtha launch. Schedules and further information may be obtained upon application to the undersigned. The right is reserved to reject any formalities, and to reject any or all proposals. JOHN B. HAMILTON, Supervising Surgeon-General, M. H. S.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, Army Building, New-York, May 23, 1891.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, noon, June 24, 1891, for the construction and delivery of one iron roof truss for torpedo shed at Sandy Hook, N. J. The attention of bidders is invited to acts of Congress approved February 26, 1885, and February 23, 1887, Vol. 23, page 332, and Vol. 24, page 414, Statutes-at-Large. For specifications, blank forms, and all information, apply to the undersigned. G. L. GILLESPIE, Lieut.-Col. of Engineers.

U. S. ASSAY OFFICE, New-York City, Superintendent's Office, May 5, 1891.—Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock m., June 3, 1891, for furnishing such supplies as may be required from time to time by this office during the 12 months ending June 30, 1892, embracing acids, barrels, coal, charcoal, copper plates, etc., crucibles, etc., fluxes, iron pipe and castings, lead pipe, sheet lead, rubber goods, and other necessary supplies. Schedules and blank forms of proposals, with information as to quantities of such articles that will probably be required, will be furnished on application. Proposals will be considered separately on each article, and upon a comparison of the prices and samples furnished, will be accepted as to the whole or a part, as may be deemed for the interest of the Government, the right to reject any or all proposals being reserved. Requisitions will be made on the parties whose bids may be accepted, and the articles must be furnished as required without delay. Proposals, to receive consideration, must be accompanied by a sufficient bond, with one or more sureties, and by samples, or such description of the articles as will clearly designate their quality. Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and inclosed, with a copy of this advertisement, in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Supplies." The bids will be opened and registered at the hour named, in the presence of bidders and officers of the Assay Office. ANDW. MASON, Superintendent.

REAL ESTATE.

BUSINESS AT THE EXCHANGE.

New-York, Saturday, May 30.

The total amount realized at the Exchange and Auction Room for the week ending with to-day from public auction sales of city real estate was $2,454,590. The aggregate sales for the month of May were $4,715,380.

LIST OF AUCTIONS.

For the present week ending with Saturday, June 6, the following auction sales are announced to be held at the Exchange and Auction Room:

TO-DAY (MONDAY), JUNE 1.

Foreclosure sale: 1 plot of land, 325x113.2, and 11 5-story flats, Nos. 149 to 165 W 98th-st, n s, 100 ft e of 10th-ave; 2 lots, each 25x130, w s Eagle-ave, 50 ft s of 163d-st. Receiver's sale: Right, title and interest, in 6-story buildings, Nos 132 and 134 Front-st, s w corner of Pine-st; 4-story building, No 133 Water-st, s e corner Pine-st. Public auction: 1 gore lot, 126x113x169, n s Valentine-ave, 250 ft e of South Boulevard; 72 lots on South Boulevard, Webster, Decatur, Briggs and Perry aves, Garfield and Suburban sts, Bedford Park, 24th Ward.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2.

Foreclosure sale: 1 lot, 25x100.11, and 5-story flat, n s W 112th-st, 125 ft w of Lenox-ave; 1 lot 20x55.9x29.8x39.10, and 2-story house, No 219 E 41st-st, n s, 205 ft e of 3d-ave. Public auction: 1 lot, 17x100.4, and 5-story building, No 315 E 69th-st, n s, 225 ft e 2d-ave; 1 lot, 25x92, and dwelling, No 102 E 19th-st, s s, e of 4th-ave; 1 lot, 25x100, n s W 166th-st, 150 ft e of 10th-ave. Executor's sales: 1 lot, 16.8x100.11, and 4-story dwelling, No 141 W 122d-st, n s, w of Lenox-ave. Executrix sale: 1 plot of land, 75x150.6 and 2-story house, w s Washington-ave, 200 ft n of 170th-st; 2 lots, 25x150.6 each and similar house, e s Vanderbilt-ave, 204 ft n of 170th-st; 2 lots, 25x200 each, on Edgecombe-ave, running through to St. Nicholas Place, 375 ft n of 150th-st.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.

Foreclosure sale, 1 lot, 25x99.11, n s West 135th-st, 250 ft e 8th-ave; 3 lots, 25.2x100 each, and buildings, w s 8th-ave, 25.5 ft s of 116th-st; 4 lots, 19x100 each, and 5-story flats, Nos 1,570 to 1,576 Madison-ave, n s, 24.11 ft s 106th-st; 1 plot of land, 99.11x208, on 8th-ave, s w corner of 145th-st; 1 plot of land, 34.10x100x35.9x100x26x75, and 3 5-story buildings, Nos 104 to 108 Goerck-st, running to (95 to 99) Mangin-st, 246.7 ft w of Rivington-st. Partition sale, 2 lots, 25x130 each, e s Simpson-st, 190 ft n of 167th-st. Public auction, 1 lot, 18.9x98.9, and 4-story building, No 320 East 34th-st, s s, 231.3 ft e 3d-ave; 1 lot, 24.5xirreg.x25.1x100, and 6-story building, No 708 11th-ave, e s, 49.7 ft n 50th-st; 1 lot, 26.5x100, and similar building, No 710, adjoining above; 1 lot, 17.7x100, and 3-story dwelling, No 403 East 58th-st, n s, 88.9 ft e of 1st-ave; 3 lots, 16.8x100 each, and similar house, Nos 407 to 411 East 58th-st, adjoining above, Trustees' sale, 1 lot, 25x100.4, and 5-story building, No 47 Murray-st, n s, 175 ft w of Church-st.

LONG ISLAND PROPERTY.

Public auction, 8 acres of land on Easthampton road, Bridgehampton.

CONNECTICUT PROPERTY.

Trustees' sale, 6 acres of land on Putnam-ave, Greenwich.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

Foreclosure sale, 1 lot, 20x100, and house, w s West End-ave, 82 ft n of 81st-st; 1 lot, 15x100.5, and dwelling, s s East 44th-st, 140 ft e Lexington-ave; 1 lot, 25x100.8, in West 88th-st, n s, 175 ft w of 8th-ave; 1 lot, 33.5x70, in East 161st-st, n e cor of Elton-ave; 4 lots, 25x102.2 each, s s, East 72d-st, 313 ft e of 1st-ave. Executor's sale, 1 lot, 26x118, in Hoffman-st, n e cor of 180th-st; 1 gore lot, 1140.6x103.3x114.3, to 161st-st, s e cor of William-st. Public auction, improved and unimproved property in 3d, Boston, Westchester, Brook, Fulton, Prospect, Clinton and Webster aves, Beck estate, Tremont, Mount Hope, Fordham and Williamsbridge, 23d and 24th Wards.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5.

Foreclosure sale, 3 lots, 20x102.2 each, and dwellings, Nos. 53, 57 and 59 West 74th-st, n s, e of Columbus-ave; 2 lots in Marion-ave, known as lots 176 and 177, on map of the village of East Tremont;