

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.

A BOOK OF ANECDOTES BY H. S. EDWARDS.

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THE SIXTH U. S. CAVALRY.

A RECORD OF ITS EXPLOITS FROM 1861 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

"From Yorktown to Santiago with the Sixth U. S. Cavalry" (Baltimore: Lord Baltimore Press) is the title under which Colonel William H. Carter, Assistant Adjutant-General, describes the services of a well known cavalry regiment of the Regular Army from its organization in 1861 down to the present time.

A PEDIGREE OF "DRUDGERY."

THE EDITOR OF THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY ON HIS PREDECESSORS.

Dr. James A. H. Murray, the editor of the new "Oxford English Dictionary," recently delivered the Romanes lecture for the year in the Sheldonian Theatre. He chose as his subject "The Evolution of Lexicography."

SOME MAGAZINE NOTES.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH ELECTIONS—A MODERN GIRL.

Mr. Sidney Brooks, in his paper in "Harpers" on English and American elections, says some exceedingly handsome things concerning the ordinary American citizen.

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SMALL TALK AND TALL TALK.

From The London Academy.

Between literary small talk and literary tall talk the sober lover of books has little peace nowadays. A reasonable quantity of each would be excellent, and it is interesting to know a fact or two about writers whose work is of high artistic value; it is interesting, also, to speculate on tendencies and cast the horoscope of talent. But such details of this nature are somewhat beside the mark of present and practical enjoyment of literature, and their too eager purveyors have to answer for much mental indigestion. Chatter about this author's message and that author's message, and the sort of knowledge which almost forbids mere private reading. The mind wears of facts which time shows it does not need to store and of theories which time shows it need never examine.

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THE NEW KING.

From The Saturday Review.

All eyes are now turned upon Victor Emmanuel III, the new sovereign of the modern kingdom of Italy. The fall of the old king has been a complete enigma, and never, perhaps, did any nation know so little of its sovereign's life and character. He is known to be an efficient soldier and a good strategist; he is a good shot, a fair horseman, a constant yachtsman, his hobby is numismatics and he is a good herald and genealogist. But he has never courted popularity and has never been popular, and the sort of knowledge which almost forbids mere private reading. The mind wears of facts which time shows it does not need to store and of theories which time shows it need never examine.

There are those who think that he will prove even more of a figurehead than his unfortunate father; and again there are those who think that he will be a "fiasco" and will do nothing great things, and even things autocratic. At the time, he was freely credited with separating his father from Signor Crispi's influence, and bringing about the fall of the strong man. This was his one reported interference in affairs of State. Of late months, when the Extreme Left turmoil was at its height, there was talk of King Humbert abdicating in favor of his son, and the Emperor taking the savior of the situation and the dynasty.

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THE NOVELS AND STORIES OF FRANK R. STOCKTON. Stories, 11 and 13. Each 8vo. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY. Edited by Sidney Lee. VOL. LXIII. Wordsworth, 1840-1850. 8vo. (The London and Westminster Press.)

THE JEFFERSONIAN CYCLOPEDIA. A Comprehensive Collection of the Views of Thomas Jefferson. Classified and Arranged in Alphabetical Order Under Nine Thousand Titles. Edited by John P. Foley. 4to, pp. 1,900. (Funk & Wagnalls Company.)

HINK TO MAKE PRINTING BUSINESS. By Paul Nathan. With Contributions from Many of the Leading Printers of the United States. 8vo, pp. 372. (The London and Westminster Press.)

PREHISTORIC IMPLEMENTS. A Reference Book. A Description of the Implements, Utensils, and Weapons of the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages. By Warren K. Moorehead. 4to, pp. 431. (The Robert Clark Company.)

EVOLUTION. AN EXPOSITION OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE. BY MAS AND PAGAN MYTHS. BY F. J. COLEMAN. 12mo, pp. 47. (Harpers & Bros.)

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