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Professor Jenks' Idea.

The weight of authoritative opinion is coming to hold that congress has all the power needed for regulation of the trusts without recourse to the tedious and uncertain process of constitutional aniendment. Influenced doubtless by Attorney General Knox, the president who not longer ago than last summer did not have creased constitutional authority, seems now to be of the opinion that congress has not by any means exhausted its constitutional rights in dealing with the

In a careful article in the Outlook Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks takes the ground that the constitutional question has been eliminated and that the only question now is, What action by congress will be wisest? Three general courses of legislation have been recommended by authorities on the trust question:

Attorney General Knox seems to favor an extension of the scope of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The United States Industrial commisupon corporations or individuals engaged in an interstate business, and thereby securing a supervisory control of such busi-

The plan advocated by James B. Dill and others of requiring the federal incorporation of corporations doing an interstate business.

Professor Jenks seems inclined to favor legislation which will put the "big corporations called trusts" as well as others doing an interstate business under the control of the federal government, without imposing very many definite restrictions at first. He considers this proceeding with wise caution, because it is so diffi- bring to the attention of the public. cult to foretell how near any law will

that laws often strengthen a tendency or gating their returns of gross earnings to ought to be enough for any county. practice they are intended to check or the board of rallway and warehouse coma question whether it might not in some recommendation that a valuation of all enough for a state. cases injure a small business to enact railway properties in the state be made such a law. He illustrates his question in order that it can be determined whethwith the following hypothetical case:

York sells flour, let us say, in its own rect taxation of other property, is an ex-Oswego and Elmira, N. Y., in cellent one. We are inclined to think, Wilkesbarre and Scranton Pa Phillipsburg and Dover, N. J. It is en- from some rough calculations, that such electoral votes and should boss the work gaged in interstate commerce. It must four trust. Freight rates from Minneapolls are substantially the same to all these points; in them all flour of the same brand ommendations regarding banks and trust sells at practically the same price. local New York miller must meet these prices, freights included. In consequence, as his freights differ, he sells to each each differ. He does not sell to all at the same rate and then add the freight, as does his great rival. If the law of no discrimination is enforced on him in the same way as on the trust—and the law in the state and keep it from going elsecannot be a respecter of persons-he is York market, where for investment. The recommendacannot sell enough to keep his mill run- tion that the surplus of banks be exempt ning, and stops. The act indicated, rigid- from taxation is good. mills in all sections of the country, and Yet possibly his may be a less evil

than discriminations of the trusts. But the more difficulties that can be

IN A NUTSHELL....

In What Does a Peaceful Blockade Consist?—Socalled Peaceful Blockades in the Past.

In the British house of commons yesterday Premier Balfour admitted that a state of war existed between England and Venezuela, and that there is no such thing as a peaceful blockade. This announcement will doubtless be of great interest to the authorities at Washington, for, assuming that there is such a thing as a pacific blockade, the attitude of the United States would be very different towards it than towards a warlike blockade. The fact that the Venezuelan navy has been destroyed in this case would seem to make it difficult to maintain that the blockade is peaceful, If it is, it can be binding only on the ships and commerce of Venezuela, Germany and Great Britain. Nations like the United States-not directly interested in the Venezuelan dispute—will refuse to admit that in a time of supposed peace their commerce with Venezuela can be interfered with. So far as the United States is concerned the condition must be one of peace or war. If it be peace the United States will insist on having all the rights and privileges of peace for its citizens. It may not, therefore, accept Balfour's statement that a state of war exists, but may insist on a formal declaration of war and refuse to respect the blockade until such declaration is made. Among the so-called peaceful blockades of history, says

correspondent of the New York Tribune, are: That of 1827, by Great Britain, France and Russia, of the coasts of Greece, occupied by Turkish troops; that of 1831, by France,

a jolt every time one tries to refer to St.

Paul as "she." In the interest of gram-

dearment, we suggest a change. What's

the matter with speaking of our little

"New Minnesota."

Northern Minnesota continues to boom.

A dispatch from Bemidji which appeared.

on The Journal's northwest page yester-

day was enough to stir the blood of every

old pioneer in the state and make him

Itasca and Beltrami counties. The lum-

An especially interesting portion of the

is really excellent for agricultural pur-

sturdy settler ought to make of it a re-

gion as rich as Stearns or Wright county."

There is no doubt among the well-in-

possibilities of the northern woodlands of

ated. Eventually most of the timber will

These lands are now cheap because they

but their proximity to market, their good

climate, should make them in great de

mand and lead to their rapid population.

to be a corrupt deal. When Gertrude

finds that just what she claims to have

Public Examiner's Report.

corporations and persons.

urer and auditor, is commendable.

being a busybody.

times.

eager to rush to the front.

away in northern Minnesota.

neighbor as Pauline?

matical consistency and as a term of en

ion of legislation designed to regulate out under their authority is an excellent by persons who know just what they are trusts. If we lack experience and knowlone. It is also well to make it casy for purchasing is greatly increasing. This inedge in dealing with them, the sooner we the governor to remove commissioners dicates that the prejudice against the subbegin to get those advantages the better. who do not toe the mark of strict integ-We can't swim without entering the lity and accuracy in their use of county funds. The county commissioner is a very important official, who has not hitherto This idea of speaking of cities as been checked and safeguarded in proporfeminine is all right as a rule, but it gets tion to the importance of his office.

The land dealers testified in the merger case yesterday that railroad competition means higher prices for lands and that railroad merger means depressed prices. Of course, but it was necessary to have it stated in court that the fact might have legal form and be made available before the court.

The Way Out.

To-day's news from the seat of the "pacific war" England and Germany are waging against Venezuela Indicates Thousands of people are pouring into that Venezuela is ready to take her medicine. The people of the United bermen are merrily and vigorously assail- States will earnestly hope that such is the ing the last of the forests, and the land case, for once a war begins nobody can hungry are pouring in to take possession tell what it will lead to or how soon naof the good land Uncle Sam is still giving tions neutral at the start will be drawn into it. So long as we stand by the Monroe doctrine we cannot escape a feeldispatch is the one that asserts that the ing of nervousness whenever an American quality of the soil in northern Itasca and a European state come into conflict. county has been misrepresented, that it It is reported that the Venezuelans, while agreeing to the claims of the allies, poses and "that the whole country is of desire to have Minister Bowen represent such a character that ten or fifteen years their country in the arrangements that of the saw mill, the stump puller and the will have to be made with the allies precedent to the full satisfaction of their demands, including the settlement of details of claims and the method of meeting formed that the population-sustaining

Minnesota have been greatly underestim-Bowen should not be authorized to discharge this friendly office. He seems to be removed and hundreds of thousands have demonstrated the possession of a of people will yet dwell in a region that cool head and good judgment. His conwas once thought uninhabitable except for duct so far has reflected credit upon a population drawing its support from the United States, and his performance. of the duties of a sort of mediator between the powers and Venezuela would have to compete with clear prairie land, add to American prestige and offset in some degree such lack of confidence in water, their abundance of cheap fuel, the Monroe doctrine as some of the South their unquestioned adaptibility to some if American states may have experienced not all kinds of farming practiced in this through erroneous ideas as to its scope.

Gertrude Atherton, the story writer, has about \$250 a year for support in the way been claiming the credit of having defeat- of calves and lambs, the logic of the ed the purchase of the Danish islands by stockmen, in reasoning that they can the United States because she believed it pay \$10 for his destruction, is good.

County Division Tangle.

done is constructively treason and that Minnesota has had a large quantity and she is liable to severe penalties for her great variety of county division experimeddling, she may plume herself less upon ence, but it has not yet learned how to dispose of county division questions without legal tangles. At the last election Polk and Beltrami counties voted on sev-A study of the elaborate report of Pub- eral-division questions, and no man can lic Examiner S. T. Johnson shows that tell what is the result. Ultimately the one of the most important state offices courts will decide what ought to be dein the hands of a man of the active. cided by the voters.

sion recommends the imposition of a tax original, creative type. There must of Under the terms of the law the state necessity be so many regular channels of canvassing board has had to declare that business, so much red tape, so many three conflicting propositions for the diforms, such a mass of administrative de- vision of Polk county have been adopted tall to attend to in most public offices, by the voters. That is equivalent to saythat a majority of incumbents are con- ing that the voters of Polk county have tent to look upon themselves as mere voted to create the same territorial area wheels in the machine of administration, into three separate counties, under the never dreaming that they should direct three names of Columbia, Nelson and Star, the machine and use it according to the with the three county seats of McIntosh,

varying necessities and demands of the Fosston and Erskine-which is absurd. The board did the best it could and Mr. Johnson discusses too many dif- passed the puzzle up to the governor, who ferent subjects to make it possible to will roll it along to the court, whatever undertake to comment on his report in he does. Beltrami county is not so badly a comprehensive manner; but there are tangled, because the canvassing board has a few features of it which we wish to declared that under the law only one of the three propositions submitted to its In the matter of the taxation of rail- voters has carried. But an appeal from come to working the results expected of way companies, Mr. Johnson has done an this decision may be made to the courts. it. Human experience is full of proofs excellent work in analyzing and investi- One county division proposition at a tim

The division of Polk county reduces tha abolish. Take the matter of local or class missioners. It appears that the railway county to a symmetrical fair-sized county discrimination in prices; which is a favor- commission had never gone behind the by taking off its eastern wing. The Belite means of ruining a small competitor. returns prepared by the companies. The trami division, creating Clearwater coun-There has been a general agreement in legislature acted, wisely in giving Mr. ty, is geographically absurd. It leaves trust discussion that the practice should Johnson authority to make such investi- Bemidji, the county seat of Beltrami, be abolished, yet Professor Jenks raises gations as he has made. The examiner's away down in one end of a county big

The democrats of the south are prepar er the rate of taxation of railway gross ing to take control of the democratic A small flouring-mill in southern New earnings is uniform with the rate of di- party and dominate the next democratic south furnishes the bulk of the democratic a valuation would show that the rail- of making nominations. It is the same ell in face of the competition of the great ways are more lightly taxed than other principle which would reduce the representation of the south in the republican It seems to us that Mr. Johnson's rec- national convention to correspond with the republican vote in the south. companies are good. The suggestion that nomination of a southern man by the next the banking law be amended to allow state democratic convention is not an improbabanks to make first-mortgage loans on billty and in view of the scarcity of avail different rate. His profits from farms in this state to an amount not to able democratic material in the north exceed 30 per cent of the paid in capital might be very good politics. The south

The trouble with the oleomargarin crowd is that they never know when they are outlawed. They are now suspected Mr. Johnson's course in "checking" all of mixing oleo with good creamery butcounty officers instead of only the treas- ter, the latter being of so deep a yellow as to stand much mixture with the light The idea that county commissioners colored oleo. At the same time it is should be required to file bonds making worth noticing that it is maintained that pointed out, the more urgent is the initial them responsible for moneys illegally paid the demand for oleo and butterine as such milk produced by 140,000 cows.

of the Tagus; that of 1833, by Great Britain and France, of ports of Holland; that of 1836, by Great Britain, of New Grenada (Colombia); that of 1838, by France, of Mexico; that of 1838-40, by France, of La Plata; that of 1845-48, by Great Britain and France, of La Plata; that of 1850; by Great

rope, of Cretc. In the blockade of Mexican ports in 1838 France took the ground that vessels of a third power entering the blockade might be confiscated. Writers on international law generally mn that course. At the time of the blockade of La Plata in 1846 by Great Britain and France Lord Palmerston said that unless war existed the blockaders had no right to interfere with the vessels of a third power or even with merchant vessels of their own flags. In the blockades of Greece in 1850 and in 1886 Greek vessels only were detained In the blockade of Crete in 1897 it was made applicable not only to the ships of the six powers concerned, but also to those of a "neutral," if the cargo were destined for the Greek troops or the interior of the island. The United States refused to recognize such a blockade. The French applied an equally extensive blockade theory to Formosa in 1884, and the English refused to recognize it.

Britain, of Greek ports, that of 1862, by Great Britain, of Rio Janeiro, that of 1879, by Chile, of the coast of Bo-livia; that of 1884, by France, of parts of Formosa; that of

1886, by Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Italy and Russia

of Greece, and that of 1897, by the principal powers of Eu-

stitutes for butter is wearing off.

President Northrop approves football on the whole, after weighing against each other the game's merits and defects. The president's views will coincide pretty well with these of most cool observers of the game. A communication printed in The Journal yesterday brings the other side out very strongly, but if everything in life that involves the risk of injury or death is to be avoided, there will be little business or recreative activity in this world.

The lower house of congress has voted \$500,000 with which to enforce the Sherman anti-trust act. But the senate is yet to be heard from. A senator remarked the other day that he had heard nothing about the trust question in Washington. We suspected as much.

A Montana judge has decided that owners of mining claims within the limits of forest reserves can cut off the timber on them. The forests will last just as long under that decision as mining claims are not plastered all over them.

According to the interstate commerce commission, a law regulating railways that was thought pretty good fifteen years ago is obsolete now. It appears that it is only tariff laws that are perfect in all times and all conditions never need any

The Nonpareil Man

Casually Abserved

Roswell Field says that Mr. Baer, the to the poor of his parish to come over to his house on Christmas day and warm themselves by looking at his coal bin. It they accept they are likely to have a quar-ter deducted from their wages because of the entertainment provided.

The outside press seems to have an idea that the supreme court of Minnesota has beat-his wife. ... In many cases it might be lawful, as St. Paul says, but not ex

Mr. Hill says that to-day "the young nan is king". That is true, but on the Great Northern there is a feeling that the

Miss Roosevelt has seen her room at the White House and denounced it as a "nightmare in yellow and blue." good thing about a yellow and blue room. t scares the flies out. An actor at Denver suddenly lost his

nemory because the air was so rare. Many men have lost their memory of financial obligations because of the rarity of the The theory that baldness is contagious

will keep a good many of us, who ourselves on our wavy ringlets, out of the the front seats when the ladies caper on

No more attempts will be made for the present to capture Bob Dunn and run him for governor by force. Medical authorities state that the use of

the salt solution or of oxygen will produce heartbeats after a man is dead. Lots of good that will do him. The Kansas City Star, speaking of the

purchase of Dan Patch for \$60,000, says that \$30,000 a front foot is too much to

M. J. Tierney, a traveling man who makes Sioux Falls his headquarters, tells the Press of that city about a thrilling drama in real life which he saw recently on the stage at Woonsocket, S. D., wher there was more seen than the playwright from the pen of a fellow countrintended to put in evidence. The play was subject is treated from a new of the "Bucket of Blood" variety and Mr. Tierney occupied a "box" in the bald-headed row close up to the feetlights. The scene was laid in a mountainous were in evidence from the of the curtain to the going down of the greatness of the man. same. "The heroine," said Mr. Tierney. "was a married woman whose husband, a man of mature years, was one of the deck hands in the play, and the hero was a dashing young fellow who played with great spirit. The husband, happening to on the stage in one of the scenes when the hero kissed the heroine in the play, got mad and hit him on the ear. The here forgot his lines and proceeded to hat the husband over the head. The fight waxed so hot that the audience began to holler for a referee and several ladies left the It was geting real good, when with a little sense of propriety. lowered the curtain, and a moment later manager, appeared, before the foot lights and announced that it would be imto go on with the show and that the audience would call at

the audience would can at the written to the rigaro from notes taken their life work, but it also to the ticket office its money would be returned. on the spot during these memorable days ure as well as a duty to many the audience which thus obtained a when he was serving on board one of the wealth and culture. "American are a support of the work, but it also be a duty to many wealth and culture." How it all came out back of the curtain. could find out-and it is probably

DAILY DIVERSION

Terrapin and Seraphim.-At a recen meeting of graduates of Yale, in the class of '77, resident in New York city, Walter Brooks was appointed chairman of of the committees to arrange a class dinner at New Haven to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of graduation commencement. His particular were outlined as "to look after luxuries, including music." "Yes," he said; "I'm chairman of the ommittee on terrapin and seraphim.

The people of New York buy daily the

Books and Authors

DICTATION AND DIFFUSENESS Herbert Spencer says that his own ex erlence in dictating his books and articles—a practice which he has followed since 1870—leads him to conclude that it begets large diffuseness of language which

rsonal work with a pen prevents. He found that he had to fuseness is congenital with many writ-CHARLES KINGSLEY, ers, and it develops

itself whether the

igency is dictation, a pen or a typewriter. Mr. Spencer has naturally a large com-mand of language, and redundancy would appear if he used pen and ink, or hamnered a typewriter himself. It is possible that a writer in the habit of putting his thoughts directly on paper through the keyboard of a typewriter might find them getting away from his control like an ambitious span of horses, if he is a rapid manipulator of keys. The mere mechanical exertion, however, is not less than in the use of the pen, for the necessity of stelling the stelling. sity of striking the right key entails more work on the brain and the muscles of the eye and hand than the continuous movement of the hand from left to right does. There are comparatively few writers who do not find, when they finish the manuscript or typescript of a story or book, that they can cut out a considerable amount of unnecessary verbiage. The Hindoo tale of the king who ordered a reduction of the size of the legal code of his kingdom which was contained in volumes which required the services of 40 camels to carry them, and cut them down to a single handy volume, apt for reference, has large suggestion to all writers with a redundant

NEW BOOKS.

SPAIN AND HER PEOPLE. By Jeremiah Zim merman, l.L.D. Illustrated from photographs Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co. Spanish history and Spanish conditions

are of peculiar interest to Americans in these times because of the Spanish-Ameri-The author of this book has undertaken to present to the reader a view of that country acquired by his own personal observation. This is in one sense a book of travels, but more than that, it is an analysis of Spanish life and character.

red and gold.

THE INGOLDSBY LEGENDS. OR MIRTH AND MARVELS. By Thomas Ingoldsby. Esquire. Illustrated by Herbert Cole. New York: John Lane. Price \$1.50.

This edition of the familiar Ingoldsby legends is a handsomely bound volume in red and gold. graphically illustrated and altogether a very attractive volume from a bookmaker's standpoint. The Ingoldsby legends are classic and never lose their charm. It is gratifying to have them in such beautiful and attractive dress.

A SHERBIRNE QUEST. By Awards M. Doug.

A SHERBURNE QUEST. By Amanda M. Doug-las. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. Minneap-olis: William Donaldson & Co. Price, 90 cents net.

second cousin and goes back to Sherburne House, which her mother gave to the first

lection of nonsense and humor from all finitely greater than my own. ture, nonsense." sparsely settled country, neglected by the average tourist, but affording keen delight to the few enlightened travelers who sojourn within its borders." This neglect is accounted for on the ground that the majority of the reading world does not appreciate or enjoy real nonsense, and by the fact that they are not unable to discriminate between nonsense of integral merit and simply chaff. Carolyn collects her nonsenst from Shakspere as well as from Burns, from old ballads written before the reformation to current and present day jingles and the absurdities of Gelett Burgess. Nonsense is af-fected, however, by some very sensible A competition was recently inaugurated by the London Academy. Among the rhymes submitted were the

If half the road was made of pie The other half of bread.

How very nice my walks would be.

The greedy intent said.

There are some of the old familiars in this collection but a great many new to

the average reader. TOLSTOI AS MAN AND ARTIST. With an Es

say on Destolevski. By Dmitri Merejowski. New York: G. P. Putman & Sons. For salaby McCarthy. Price \$1.50. It is claimed for this book that it is the first complete story of the great Russian from the pen of a fellow countryman. The ical point of view. the various traits, traces the growth of character, reveals the innermo of the great reformer, describes his methcountry, and shooting irons and bowie ods and shows where his intellectual power falls and wherein lies the peculiar

> BRIDGE WHIST; OR, HOW TO PLAY IT. By Lennard Leigh. Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates & Co., price \$1. Mr. Leigh is an authority on whist and in this book presents a concise and lucid-description of the game, and a better code of laws for bridge whist, the

THE LAST DAYS OF PEKIN. Translated from the French of Pierre Loti by Myrta L. Jones. of Old Vincennes' did for Indiana. And Illustrated from Photographs and drawings by Jessie B. Jones. Boston: Little, Brown & through the encouragement and kindly ad-

The translator says that Loti as Julian Viaud ranks in the French navy as lieutheart de vassay His constitution of books his life's work. tenant de vasseau. His experiences in China first appeared in the form of letters written to the Figaro from notes taken their life work, but it also forms a pleas-French warships. His literary success provoked the jealousy of his naval superiors and some time ago he was abruptly retired. He secured reinstatement, however, and has pursued his literary work. His account of his experiences in China is very familiar and personal in style, and it presents a vivid picture of certain Bailey, which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. it presents a vivid picture of certain have just published, is intended to do for writes as one hav- the western part of the United States wha ing a deep interest in the subject at hand. and this book is of value as a contribution to the large amount of writing and printing done these days about China.

A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE. By William Vaughn Moody and R. N. Lovell of the University of Chicago. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Minneapolls: N. McCarthy. Price \$1.25. The authors of this volume are assist-

ant professors of English literature and of English respectively in the University of Chicago. Their purpose was to prepare a history of English literature within in a book. It would be as interesting as

Way of a Guardian

By ALBERT FOSTER

inch he has followed my followed that it hess of language which a pen prevents. He found that he had to cut out about a tenth he chose for his departure for the next world. If he could only have waited the matter on account of unnecessary repetitions in dictation. Repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last but he found that he had to postpone my trip to book. "Facts and Comments," the last last had to postpone my trip to the repetitions in dictation. Repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last was I had to postpone my trip to the repetitions in dictation. Repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last last was I had to postpone my trip to the repetitions in dictation. Repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last had to postpone my trip to the repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last had to postpone my trip to the repetitions in dictation. Repetitions are noticeable in his last book. "Facts and Comments," the last last had to postpone my trip to the relation in which I stood that the time that to the ext. World. If he could only have waited until his daughter Ellen was a little better able to take any of the relation in which I stood that the next would have waited until his daughter Ellen was a little better able to take any of the relation in which I stood that the next would have been saved a lot of worry and bother.

I was regarded as a fatherly old chap whose favor was worth having only to the relation in which I stood to the relation in which I stood that the next to the young lady in question. This was ready to take my other than the chose favor was worth having on noticeable in his last. As it was I had to possible book. "Facts and Comments," the last which he expects to publish. Diffuseness however, is not while she was fourteen was of no important to the case to my own satisfaction—and the case to my own the case to my own satisfaction—and the case to my own the case to my own satisfaction—and the case to my own satisfaction—and the case to my own the case to my own the case to my

laid hold on a man, he knows no time nor self out of the way of danger. According place to rest, so my year of travel dragged ingly. I announced my intention at lunchitself out to six. Letters came at intervals from one or the other of the aunts telling me that Ellen was well and happy. Ellen looked sad for at least thirty sec-Once or twice in the earlier years I had a



IN THE HALL I CAME FACE TO FACE WITH MISS ELLEN HERSELF, APPARENTLY IN A GREAT HURRY TO GET AWAY FROM SOMEWHERE.

There are interesting and instructing descriptions of the cities and provinces of to the ends of the earth and leave her to the care of Providence and her aunts, sion and a discussion of the decline of not always synonymous terms.

Spain. The book will be found of especial In the course of time I drifted back

my life and have, I trust, borne them with Christian fortitude, or at least with This is another of Miss Douglas' Sherburne stories, in which Honor Carew is the leading character. She marries her second cousin and goes back to Sherburne gands, I have even withstood with equa-nimity the charge of a brigade of Swiss hotel keepers but all these were as a fall of House, which her mother gave to the first cousin. Edward Sherburne is the hero of the story, and other characters familiar to the readers of Miss Douglas' novels, appear in this tale and add interest to the specific part of the cottage to give the control of the cottage to give the cottage the cottage to give the cottage the givent the cottage to give the cottage to give the cottage the givent the cottage to give the cottage the givent A NONSENSE ANTHOLOGY. Collected by Carolin Wells. New York: Charles Scribner & Sons. For sale by McCarthy. Price \$1.25.

This is, as its name indicates, a colection of nonsense and humor from all ources, old and new. Much of it is an any more designable. In the description of nonsense with a calmness and self possession infinitely greater than my own.

"At the keyhole? Yes," she replied calmly. "Since it was my future that was being discussed it seemed to me that I had a slight interest in the matter. Eut I never expected with a calmness and self possession infinitely greater than my own.

In the demonstration of the cottage to give me dutiful greeting. I had left behind me a scraggly little girl, awkward and frightened. I found myself shaking hands with a beautiful young lady, slender, erect, with a calmness and self possession infinitely greater than my own.

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sources, old and new. Much of it is anonymous, but in the list of contents approximates a good many names famous in liter.

In the days that followed my won-derment only deepend. A French count marked genuine, the son and sole heir of "But, my dear given the son and sole heir of "But, my de tar a good many names famous in liter. In arked genuine, the son and sole heir of a railway magnate, a mining baron from being the collector, would be represented by a small and the parsely settled country, neglected by the still rising politician with his eyes on the United States senate and his feet planted insulted.' firmly on more valuable real estate than the finite mind could well comprehend were the major planets which constantly slowly, "I think that the best that I can countless number of satellites, young col- And I agreed with her.

substantial enough to be a permanent

basis for study, and, at the same time

stimulate the voluntary and close ac-quaintance of the student with the great

half the book to the literature of the

eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. A

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tory of that period, is in some respects

more interesting than that work. New

interest is given by the authors to the Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French periods

relopment of English literature is pre-

sented in a way fresher and more sug-

FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS ABROAD. By Mar

garet Sidney. Illustrated by Fanny Cory. Bos-ton: The Lethrop Publishing company, 530 At-lantic avenue. Price \$1.10.

The ever resourceful author of the Pen-

ple, takes Mother Pepper, who has become

Mrs. Fisher; Dr. Fisher, Phronsie and Polly, Grandpa King, Jasper Parson and

Mrs. Henderson across the ocean to Eng-

their doings is very delightful reading.

The author always gives us something

gives us new situations, new adventures

Literary Notes.

Francis Lynde, in his new novel, "The

science to those who have taken it up as

Frank M. Chapman's Handbook has done

for the east.

The success which "The Right Princess," the first Christian Science novel, is

and there is now at least one rival in this

AMERICAN NIGHTS ENTERTAIN

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while she was fourteen was of no import-ance, in his eyes.

When I had succeeded in diagnos-ing the case to my own satisfaction—and despair—I concluded that I must take my-

onds. After luncheon the aunts cornered me

in the library and asked me flatly what I thought about Ellen's matrimonial future. I protested that I hadn't thought about it, didn't know that it was any concern of a guardian's anyway.

"Of course it's some concern of yours." said Miss Henrietta, the elder, taking up the last point that I had made and going through my argument backward, woman fashion. "She must marry, naturally, and she must marry well," meaning, as I guessed, that she must induce Dan Cupid to lead her in the direction of a well

"Well, what do you think of the count?" grown bank account.
asked Miss Angela, the younger. I replied that I would rather not think of him if she didn't mind. I didn't object him if she didn't mind. I didn't object to counts for people who liked to spend their money that way, but I preferred men for myself. Miss Angela sniffed and asked my opinion of the offspring of the railway magnate. I replied that I considered his whole claim to the respect and gratitude of mankind to lie in the fact that he was not twins. Two of a kind, of that at least would have been alto. of that at least, would have been altogether too much for a long suffering world to bear. . The mining baron, as I informed the good ladies, might much better be preparing for the next world. The aunts sniffed in chorus.
"Then what do you say to Mr. Caw-

cus?" inquired Miss Henrietta.
"Politics isn't bad for a man if he is
well shod and doesn't mind muddy roads, but the woman who travels with him is apt to get splashed a bit." Another snift from the aunts.

The other candidates were trotted out in turn, and all seemed to me equally undesirable. Apparently the aunts were sur-prised, for after they had gone over the most likely of the applicants only to find that my opinion of them grew steadily more unfriendly Miss Henrietta turned value to those contemplating a visit to that country. It is handsomely bound in red and gold.

In the course of time I drifted back upon me with as near a glare as her regard for the observances of polite society would permit and remarked in an icy enough. I visited my old club, but the would permit and remarked in an icy tone: "Well, Mr. Crossley, it would ap-pear that your regard for the other members of your sex in the capacity of hus-band for your ward and our niece is every low. Perhaps you are thinking of apply-

ing for the vacancy yourself."
This was a bombshell with a vengeance. I eyed her sternly for at least ten seconds. Then I said, with polite em-phasis, "Madam, it is little short of an insult to accuse me of so far presuming upon my relations with your niece as to fall in love with her." After which I bowed in my very best manner and went

out. In the hall I came face to face with Miss Ellen herself, apparently in a great hurry to get away from somewhere. stopped and stared at her. She stared back

and tossed her head. "I wouldn't stop here if I were you," she said. "Some one might insult you by thinking that you were talking to me." nodded. "Then you—listened." I gasped. a "At the keyhole? Yes," she rep

"But, my dear girl, don't you under

She looked down and then up at me. Then there was a do is to accept the insult. don't you?'

AMUSEMENTS

Foyer Chat.

The Grace Cameron Opera company will begin an engagement of three nights and Saturday matinee at the Metropolitan tonight, presenting for the first time here the comic opera, success by J. Cheever William Furst entitled, Normandy Wedding Included in Miss Cameron's supporting company are Joseph W. Standish. Stephen B. French Jr., Sylvan Langlois, Genevieve Reynolds, Daisy King and a large and well drilled chorus.

Few of the so-called comic operas produced in recent years are so near the gen-uine thing as "The Prince of Pilsen" which comedy. which is unostentatiously called a musical "The Prince of Pilsen" wholesome performance and with the delightful melodies and the gorgeous costumes and mountings it is one of the greatest successes the musical stage has known in years. cheduled for local appearance at the Metropolitan all of Christmas week, opening next Sunday evening,

The big laughing success "Happy Heeligan" coming to the Bijou next week, with its cast of great artists, is a roystering torrent of all that is gorgeous, amusing, merry and melodious in farce comedy. Fun reigns supreme, yet you find time to sat-isfy the eye with the beauty of the scenery and the kaleodiscope color in the magnificent costumes and wardrobe.

"The Fatal Wedding." the current attraction at the Bijiu is meeting with much favor; two large audiences saw the play yesterday afternoon and evening and gare evidence of their feeling by enthusiastic afternoon and evening and gave evidence of their feeling by enthusiastic On Saturday afternoon, the final matines performance will be given.

One of the largest Thursday matinee audiences of the season witnessed the Ferris production of "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room." at the Lyceum to-day, For Christmas week, the Ferris Stock company will seen in a new comedy-drama Plunger." Dick Ferris appearing in the character of Digit. New Year's week the Ferris company will remove to the Met-ropolitan for one week, where it will present "Graustark." this change caused by the booking of "Ben Hur" at the Lyceum.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Cloud Journal-Press. We stop the press to announce that Dr. Babcock, while claiming all the votes he needs, is not yet ready for a caucus.

SUFFICIENT. Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald. "But if you love me, Madeleine, why set the happy day two years away?"

"Because, Horace, it will take me fully that long to use up my monogram stationery."