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There has just been issued for use in higher grammar grades a new physiology belonging to the New Century Series of Physiologies, by Winfield S. Hall, Ph.D., M. D. (Leipzig), Northwestern Medical School, which is officially indorsed by the department of scientific instruction of the W. C. T. U. of the United States...

The daughter of freedom, Byrd Graham, is the daughter of a South Carolina planter, and her father, who is a staunch old royalist, she and her brother are ready to stand by the cause for which their father died, and this difference of opinion with the grandfather provokes many domestic eruptions...

Captain Ralph Bunchall has given pleasure to many a boy and girl through his writings in books and reviews of recent events in Cuba, in the Philippines and in the Hawaiian Islands. He now publishes a new story, whose hero, Paul Graham, is a splendid young fellow, who, through the rashness of his guardian, is forced to make his own way in the world...

Every schoolboy is familiar with the story of the sailor who bravely interposed his own person between the descending scimitar of a pirate and the life of his commander, Stephen Decatur, in one of the battles of the Tripolitan war nearly a century ago. In a recent volume in the "Young Heroes of the Navy" series Cyrus Townsend Bracy has given us many particulars of the life of Reuben James, a common sailor who was as gallant as a ship's commander...

Charles Scribner's Sons have imported a book which at first glance one would claim for a botanical library, but it is not at all a botanical book. "The English Flower Garden," as it is called, deals with the question of design, and is followed by a description of the plants and shrubs of Great Britain and Ireland. The engravings on wood are nearly all taken from photographs which have been used in the design of the garden...

"Reels and Spindles," by Evelyn Raymond, will be found excellent reading for young girls of about fourteen. It tells the story of a girl raised in the midst of culture, wealth and refinement who is obliged finally to face the hard world of actual necessity and make a living for herself. Her bravery in taking up her life in the humblest walks and doing her best though at first in the smallest capacity, and then the success which crowns her efforts, is all well told and will prove an inspiration to the young reader...

Chatterbox for 1900 is full of good things for young and old. There are a great number of excellent color pages included in the contents of this year's number. The usual number of good short stories, and interesting articles are there, besides some serial articles both instructive and amusing. There are puzzles and games, anecdotes and plenty of pictures. The tone is good and wholesome throughout...

When the Life Publishing Company offers anything to the public it is pretty safe to count on its being something good even before you have seen it. They employ artists who are artists; the lines that they fit to the drawings are always good, and the style in which their books

are printed is always most artistic. The latest publication, "Overland in the Wittington Family," is no exception and will prove a most creditable addition to any library table. Mr. Gilbert's work is hardly as even as the drawings of Gibson, Christy or Wenzell, but some of his figures are really splendid and more than compensate for others of his sketches which are not so attractive. The volume is beautifully bound and printed.

Idylls of the King. This is a most interesting addition to the eclectic English classics, now so widely used in the public and preparatory schools, as the idylls stand first among Tennyson's poems in grace and in human interest. Though not so faithful to the thoughtful mind as "In Memoriam," they appeal to a far wider audience. The book also includes the history of the Arthurian legends, a chronology and a bibliography.

The notes have been well edited by Mary P. Howard and are sufficiently full for the use of students. (Published by American Book Company, New York. Price 20 cents.)

Messrs. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. announce that they have arranged with the Hon. Joseph H. Choate to issue immediately in beautiful form his famous address, "Abraham Lincoln," delivered on November 13 before the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

The December number of Current History has an out with an exceptionally good number for December. The magazine has shown that it can live up to its motto of "Originality, quaintness and quality." It is filled with literary gems in the way of short stories and poems that reflect the greatest credit upon the editor's taste of its editor, Miss Mary Lambert.

Winston Spencer Churchill, the English war correspondent and son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, has written for the younger number of the "World's Work" an intimate and graphic character sketch of Lord Roberts, much of the material for which was gathered at first hand in South Africa. An infinite capacity for taking pains is set down as the secret of the success of England's ablest general.

With the beginning of the year R. H. Russell will issue a large and unique Bernhard portrait. This is a departure from the usual run of the Russell souvenirs in that it will contain 96 pages, with a historical and critical sketch of Madame Bernhardt with an autograph inductor by herself. There will be sixty-five splendid pictures showing her in her famous roles and in her home, together with a portrait of her in her girlhood, and reproductions of many cartoons and other drawings of her by well-known artists. The price of this is 50 cents. It constitutes a notable addition to the Russell list of theatrical publications.

THE REPUBLIC OF AMERICA—By Rev. L. R. Hillman. D. D. The Abbey Press, New York. Cloth, 50 cents. Paper, 25 cents. EGYPT AND SCYTHIA—Herodotus. Cassell's National Library, New York. In paper, 15 cents. SCENES OF MY CHILDHOOD—By Charles Eimer Jenney. Fresno Republican Publishing Company, Fresno, Cal. \$1.00. CITY BOYS IN THE COUNTRY—By Clinton Osgood. Burlington, The Abbey Press, New York. \$1.00. COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ENGLISH—1901-1902. American Book Company, New York. \$1.00. THE RELIGION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN—By George O. Linn. D. D. The Abbey Press, New York. Cloth, 50 cents. Paper, 25 cents. MOORE'S METEOROLOGICAL ALMANAC AND WEATHER GUIDE—Hand, McNeil & Co., Chicago, 25 cents. OVERLAND IN THE WITTINGTON FAMILY, with drawings by Charles Allen Gilbert. The Life Publishing Company, New York.



William Henry Hudson.

WILLIAM HENRY HUDSON, professor of English at the Leland Stanford Jr. University since 1922, has just issued through his publishers, Messrs. Elder & Shepard of San Francisco, some charming verses under the title, "The Sphinx and Other Poems." His poems possess the touch of sympathetic sincerity to a degree and his lines have an artistically finished effect scarcely equalled. In the present collection "The Sphinx" occupies the place of prominence although not the longest—it earns the position, however, through the originality of the thought expressed. The last four stanzas of the reply of the Sphinx to man's questioning read:

PAST AND PRESENT. This same day's actions will to-morrow be part of thy heritage of memory. Think well, how much each present, at the last, of good or evil draws from out the past!

REALISM. Obscene imaginings—gibbering shapes impure—The refuse of the gutter and the sewer—With their dreary unclean game in life. And the great artist who is this is life!

CARPE DIEM. Live while you live. Life calls for all your powers. This instant day your utmost strength demands. He wastes himself who stops to watch the sands. And, milk-like, heard up the golden hours.

Professor Hudson was born in England in 1853; was librarian of St. George's, London, 1885-6; librarian City Liberal Club, London, 1889-90; assistant librarian Cornell University, 1891-2. He was for some time with Herbert Spencer and has written a most valuable introduction to that great thinker's works on philosophy. He is also an author well established in the higher fields of literature through his writings on "The Church and the Stage," "Studies in Interpretation," "Idle Hours in a Library," "The Study of English Literature," etc.

With Preble at Tripoli. In James Otis's latest book, "With Preble at Tripoli," there is enough of historical fact to make the work instructive and yet plenty of plot and adventure to lighten events and render the story interesting for boys. The author takes up the causes which led to the Tripolitan war, giving them in the words of an old sailor, the "Captain of No. 8 gun." The destruction of the Philadelphia, after she had been captured by the Tripolitans, the pursuit and capture of blockade runners, the bombardment of Tripoli, and the desperate venture with the Intrepid, which cost the lives of so many brave men, are all set forth in detail. (Published by W. A. Wilder Company, Boston. Price \$1.00.)

The Treasury Club. The first volume in the United States Government Series, which is to be run by the W. A. Wilder Company, Boston, is "The Treasury Club," written by William Drysdale. The book portrays the inner workings of the Treasury Department of our National Government—not the ancient history of its organization, but the story of its vast business as it is conducted to-day, where the money comes from and how it is spent. The book is written in an interesting style to hold the attention of boys. It gives the story of Leonard Gray and his business position he is able to gather much information about the department. The characters introduced are officials who may be met with any day in the Treasury building and the facts and figures have been passed upon as accurate by former United States Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan. Price \$1.00.

Adventures of Joel Pepper. Every one remembers the "Five Little Peppers and How They Grew," and the dear, humely, delightful "Little Brown House" which Margaret Sidney told about so well. The friends of the little Peppers will be glad to know that there has been recently published another volume about the same family. "The Adventures of Joel Pepper" is the story of the irrepressible Joel, Joey or Joe, who, while he was the harum-scarum of the Pepper family, is nevertheless a prime favorite with all readers simply because he is so full of life and so often getting into "scrapes." Margaret Sidney also, it is evident, is quite as fond of this well-meaning, heedless and lovable small boy as are her readers, and her story of Joel, his adventures and

especially well chosen. Here are three which will tend to give an idea of their excellence:

From the silence that I hold My mind seems to be saying "I hold My mind would unfold. And lay my secret bare?"

"Fool! thy foot instead! Back to thy folly go! Riddle?—There's none to read! Secret?—There's none to know!"

She ceased, and a vapor curl'd Over the face of the sky; And behold—no Sphinx—no world— Nothing—not even I!

It did not seem strange in the night, Waking, how strange it seemed! The quatrains which close the book are

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