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BOOKS REVIEWED

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'The Climber,' by E. F. Benson
'The Maison de Shine,' by Helen Green
'The Other Man's Wife,' by Frank Richardson
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'Kincaid's Battery,' by George W. Cable. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price \$1.50.

A NEW book from the pen of George W. Cable is always an exciting event, for though his name has held a high place in literature for some 30 years, he has a comparatively small list of works to his credit.

'Kincaid's Battery' is not an 'easy reader'; there are really too many threads to the story, but if the first few chapters are read carefully, no difficulties will be encountered.

'Let its northernmost corner be Vicksburg, the famous, on the Mississippi. Let the easternmost be Mobile and let the most southerly, and by far the most important, that of the Confederacy, be New Orleans. Then let the grave moment that gently ushers us in be a long ago afternoon in the Louisiana delta.

'Throughout that land of water and sky the willow clumps dotting the meadow of every sea marsh and ringing the low rimmed lakes were yellow and green in the full flush of a new year, 'Sixty-one.'

Mr. Cable was passing through his most impressionable years in 'sixty-one. He was not yet 45 when the war broke out, but in 1863 he joined the Fourth Mississippi cavalry of the confederate army and served through the remainder of the war.

The story begins with the opening of the campaign which all its folds radiate, and where the whole pictured thing opens and shuts, be New Orleans. Then let the grave moment that gently ushers us in be a long ago afternoon in the Louisiana delta.

'This novel is a real romance of the civil war, but of the war itself it shows little. Letters from the front give glimpses now and then, but the war's effects are seen and felt in the homes and lives of all the people in the book.

There is something about this novel which is unfamiliar. One has a feeling that the author has been studying some other author and has allowed it to influence his own smooth style.

Though the book has many points which may be criticized, it is good literature. It is not to be read hurriedly nor skimmed, or much will be lost. It can offend a northerner, but frankly partisan, it contains nothing that can offend a southerner.

'The Climber' by E. F. Benson. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. Price \$1.40.

It is difficult to imagine a more tragic story than this latest one by E. F. Benson, 'The Climber.' Lucia Grimson is the heroine and the book is a remarkable study of this woman's character.

That is the first chilling fact in the girl's life. She is ambitious to be a social leader and without money that is impossible. So she determines to marry money.

'The Maison de Shine' by Helen Green. Author of 'At the Actors' Boarding House.' Published by D. W. Duggs & Co., New York. Price \$1.50.

The title of this book, if nothing else, might make it sell, and the stories contained in it are not disappointing. The author made a name for herself with her first book, a collection of short stories, called 'At the Actors' Boarding House.'

'The Cost of Cleanness' by Ellen H. Richards. Published by John Wiley & Sons, London and New York.

'Open House' by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins. Author of 'Dr. Eileen.' Published by the Baker & Taylor Company, New York. Price \$1.50.

'Tales From Bohemia' by Robert Neilson Stephens. Published by L. C. Page & Co., Boston. Price \$1.50.

would not have had quite so many adventures. But the happy go lucky irresponsibility of these amusement vendors is hilarious and entertaining.

'The Other Man's Wife' by Frank Richardson. Author of '2835 Mayfair.' Published by Mitchell Kennerly, New York. Price \$1.50.

One can not but wonder if by any chance Frank Richardson, the author of this book, is related to the person who writes under the pen name of 'Victoria Cross.'

'Open House' by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins. Author of 'Dr. Eileen.' Published by the Baker & Taylor Company, New York. Price \$1.50.

The changes have been rung over and over again on the old theme of taming the spoiled and selfish heroine by abuse of various kinds, and turning out of a sweet angel in the end.

'My Lady's Kiss' by Norman Innis. Published by Rand, McNally & Co., New York. Price \$1.50.

The adventurous romance, whose time is set in the middle ages, which can lay no claim to historical accuracy, and is written but to amuse, has almost gone out of fashion.

'The Church of Today' is the title of an inspiring book by Joseph Henry Crocker. It is a remarkably well written, well considered, well reasoned plea for the due appreciation of the church as an organization.

'The Devil in London' by George R. Sims. Appears to be a statement, in fiction form, of the fearful conditions which exist as a result of the drink evil.

'The Journal of a Neglected Wife' by Mabel Herbert Erner; B. W. Dodge & Co., New York.

'The Journal of the Northwest' by Harold Blodgett; Frederick A. Stokes company, New York.

'Anton, the Man Who Saw,' by E. E. Benson; Maxine publishing company, Boston.

'Confessions of a Palmist,' by 'Clivette'; Laird & Lee, Chicago.

'Frisco of Progress, an Arrangement of Visions,' by G. Colmer; B. W. Dodge & Co., New York.

'Foster's Complete Horse,' by R. F. Foster; Frederick A. Stokes company, New York.

'The Standard Bible Dictionary,' edited by M. W. Jacobs; E. E. Nourse and A. C. Zeno; Funk & Wagnalls company, New York.

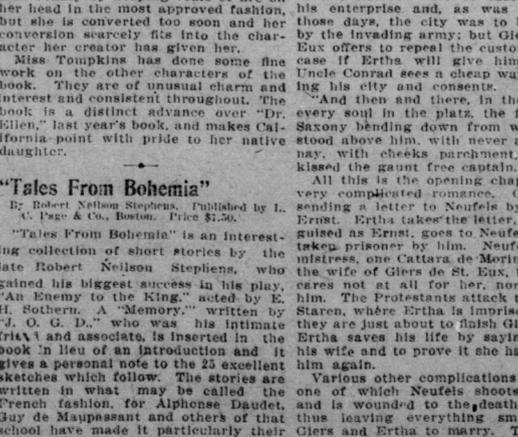
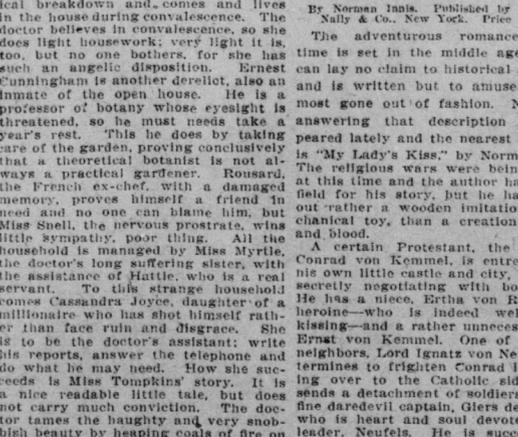
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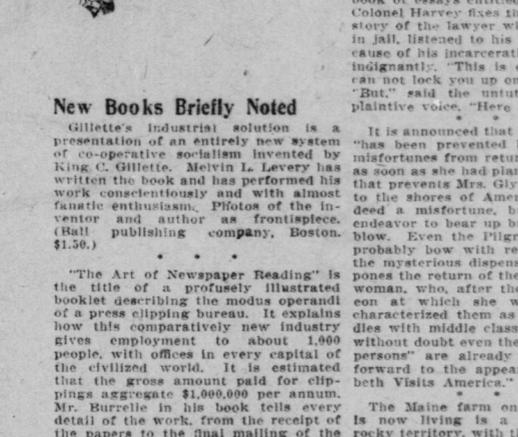
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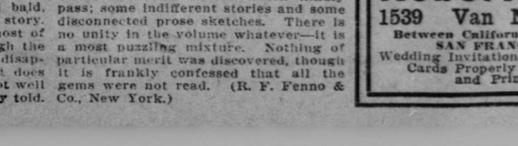
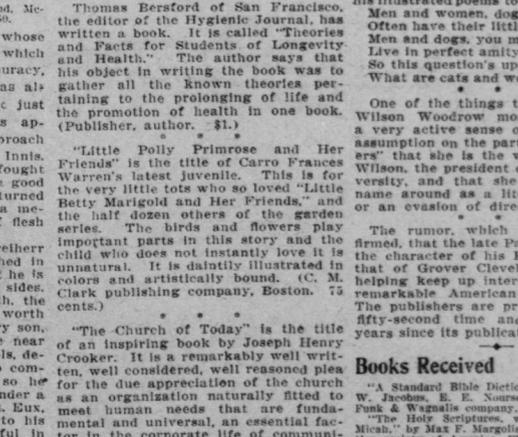
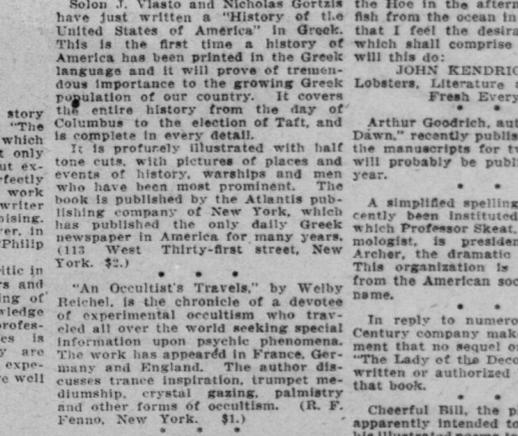
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Gossip of Books and Writers

Israel Zangwill, Colonel George Harvey and other masculine advocates in literature of woman suffrage have a favorite argument which asserts that the demand of the feminine to vote signifies a condition as the matter of it as if it were a theory is a little foolish.

New Books Briefly Noted

Gillette's industrial solution is a presentation of an entirely new system of co-operative socialism invented by King C. Gillette. Melvin L. Levery has written the book and has performed his work conscientiously and with almost fanatic enthusiasm.

'The Art of Newspaper Reading' is the title of a profusely illustrated booklet describing the modus operandi of a press clipping bureau.

Solon J. Vlasto and Nicholas Gortzis are the authors of a 'History of the United States of America' in Greek.

'An Occultist's Travels,' by Welby Reichel, is the chronicle of a devotee of experimental occultism who traveled all over the world seeking special information upon psychic phenomena.

Thomas Berstorf of San Francisco, the editor of the Hygienic Journal, has written a book, it is called 'Theories and Facts for Students of Longevity and Health.'

'Little Polly Primrose and Her Friends' is the title of Carlo Frances Warren's latest juvenile.

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