

THE LITERARY WORLD.

First Volume of the Personal Memoirs of Gen. Grant Laid Before the Public.

Interesting Account of the Life and Labors of Charles Darwin by Grant Allen.

Bright Sketch by Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Author Who Never Grows Old.

Resume of Other Late Publications of Various Kinds—Literary Leaves.

The Personal Memoirs of Gen. Grant will, as they deserve, rank at the head of the many contributions to American military history.

The plan of the volume is to give the judgment of these critics upon the work of the great Nineteenth century authors.

Miss Alcott greets the holidays with some as clever stories as she has written.

The latest addition to Harper's Classical Series is devoted to the sixth and seventh books of the national epic.

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Robert Buchanan's vein is well known and is not departed from in his last story, entitled, 'The Master of the Mine.'

The New Atlantic, which has been running in the Atlantic for 1885, appears under a title suggested by the curious case of Eysa.

The Overland Monthly for the current month maintains its well merited reputation as a magazine which need ask no favor of its more pretentious Eastern rivals.

The January number of the Magazine of American History will contain three notable articles in the civil war series.

Reminiscences of the Late Humourist, With Specimens of His Fun.

I was sitting down to lunch one morning at Delmonico's with a literary friend when there entered a gaunt, tall man.

My friend arose, and with his table, grasped his hand and in another instant I was introduced to the author of a vast amount of mis-spelled wisdom.

Books based upon the supposed work of amateur detectives are becoming more and more peculiar each day.

The queries of boys and girls at a certain age to know all about common objects, which are as natural as the efforts of a babe to feel whatever comes in its way.

The method is simple and clear and children readily understand what is told them.

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SWEEPING AND DUSTING.

Common Operatives Reduced to an Exact Science.

Practical Hints of Special Interest to Housewives.

["Written for the Globe by Christine Terhune Herrick."] "But, Monsieur," said a harassed scholar one day, after tolling wearily through the intricacies of a dusty and impersonal French verb.

Before I left New York I called on Josh Billings with an album and modestly sought his autograph.

"There is no armed that hath his quarrel in just."

"Mr. Billings," I said, at parting, "it's astonishing how your wise saws and comical straws float all over Christendom."

Josh was extremely fond of animals and had a cat at his house in Albany which he gravely addressed as "William."

When Rubinstein was over here he was presented to Josh, and the pianist was careful to impress the American with accounts of the nobility of his ancestors.

One night at a ball in New York a certain lady appeared a dress exposing her charms without reserve—charms, by the way, which were of a lean and a meagre description.

IT IS BAD ENOUGH to have one day in the week that brings more pleasure with its sunset than with its sunrise.

A good story is told of the humorist being thrown on an occasion, among a batch of students in a counting room near New Haven.

With SWEEPING. The case is so different. There is no adequate reason why there should be a general sweeping day, in which the whole house must be in a state of turmoil.

Out on the first—Last month.—Puck. Is a water-pot—a temperance lecture.—Puck.

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CELEBRATING.

No Sessions of the Boards of Trade Yesterday.

The New York Stock Exchange Transacts Some Business.

A Bullish Feeling in the Principal Stocks.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The board of trade room being closed this was a sort of half-holiday in business and stock circles.

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FINANCIAL.

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HOXIE & CIDER.

San Francisco Mining Shares.

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