

BOOKS OF THE HOUR

"J. S. OF DALE" PUBLISHES A
POWERFUL STORY OF COLO-
NIAL LIFE.

"A KNIGHT OF THE NETS."

HERTIG'S DISCUSSION OF THE
BIOLOGICAL PROBLEM OF
TODAY.

"THE BEGINNING OF THE END."

Nora Perry's "Three Little Daughters of the Revolution"—Literary
Notes—New Books.

If the revival of the literature of
gore is to bring in its train many
more volumes of the conservative and
dignified excellence of "King Noanett"
by Mr. E. J. Stinson, we can perhaps
endure with more patience the host
of cheap and flimsy stories of blood
and battle which are poured out upon
us. The early history of our own country
furnishes as rich a field for the
historical romancer as he needs, and it
is a period almost wholly unexploited
in fiction. With the exception of Mrs.
Maud Wilder Goodwin's charming tales

fact that she loves a dish of gossip
and has on occasion the tongue of a
viper. The combination of qualities
is attractive on paper—and convincing.

"A Knight of the Nets," by Amelia E. Barr.
New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25.
For sale by the E. W. Porter company.)

"The Beginning of the End" is a
leisurely little book containing the
record of the life of a New England
man. The book is not in this gener-
ation nor of it. It is published anony-
mously, and its author may be either
a person who is entirely untouched
by the ideals of the current school
of fiction and unconscious of them, or
else some one who is weary of death
of them all and desirous of writing a
book in a more restful and philosophic
manner, according to our own belief,
the method is all wrong. Where story
and philosophy are combined in one
book, it behooves the story to be most
prominent, for only so is the philosophy
to be inculcated thoroughly. The
chronicle of Amoret Venton's simple
life has purposely made the story of
secondary importance. This is only
to be done successfully when the
author has something vital to say
which is burning to be said, but
though the writer of "The Beginning
of the End" has many ideas and ex-
presses them pleasantly enough, the
book is largely the outcome of a
desire to enshrine in a book certain
reflections of Amoret's grandfather, old
Mr. Welby. Like Master Byles Grid-
ley, he cherishes a manuscript book in
which he has chronicled his ideas of
many things. Mr. Welby's "Philosophy
of Life" is far from being as brilliant
as Master Gridley's "Thoughts on the
Universe," but it is not without savor,
as a few extracts will show.

"Youth is always detached; it stands
out alone; it has no background, no
history, no intermingling of fibers with

some of its organs cut off, and will
grow out of an egg in a short
time, and this regeneration could not
occur if nature had only provided once
for the structure. Besides in many
animals organs are produced abnormal-
ly under the pressure of a peculiar en-
vironment for which no provision is
made in the natural order.

In his positive line of argument Hert-
wig follows Spencer and Emery in sup-
posing that difference in environment
of the egg, and food for the possible
organism, are the main influences to
specialize.

The controversy is, of course, one to
appeal to students rather than to the
general public, but at the same time, it
is one that cannot be ignored by that
growing class of the reading public
who are curious as to the latest phases
of scientific investigation. Hertwig
has certainly found a good supply of
difficulties, but the theory of Weismann
is so ingenious, and would be so useful
if true, that one cannot fail to wish him
well in the answer which he is sure to
make to his critics. In so far as hu-
manity is concerned, one could certain-
ly wish that the views of this genera-
tion might be as influential upon the
next. But can the world afford to
limit the usefulness of its growing
stock of virtue?

"The Biological Problem of Today," by
Dr. Oscar Hertwig. \$1.25. Macmillan com-
pany. New York. For sale by the St. Paul
Book and Stationery company.)

Under the title of "Three Little
Daughters of the Revolution" are pub-
lished a set of patriotic stories for girls
by the late Nora Perry. "Dorothy"
and "Patty" are tales of colonial girls,
while "Betty Boston's Fourth of July"
deals with some of the adventures of
a little American girl in England. They
are pleasant and wholesome read-
ing for little girls.

"Three Little Daughters of the Revolution,"
by Nora Perry. Boston. Houghton,
Mifflin & Co. 75 cents. For sale by the St.
Paul Book and Stationery company.)

Notes.

No. 15 of the Lark is a refreshingly vi-
cious number of that lively periodical. There
is a very lovely "Earth Song," and a bit
of verse about the war, which is as good
as the bit about the earth. There is also
a page of "Inexpensive Cynicisms," from
which the most well-meaning to discover
"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole
World Tinctured."

"The Milk of Human Kindness Never Did
Run Smooth."
"Of Two Devils Choose the Prettier."
"The Mean Door That Hath No Key
Hole."

Our illustration this week is from No. 17
of the Lark. Mr. Burgess leaves the philo-
sophic significance of his drawings, the
sophistic cleverness, and occasionally trusts
that quality in vain, for it is not always pos-
sible for the most well-meaning to discover
the inner intention of the sublimated non-
sense-rhymes. It seems to be quite plain,
however, that the present specimen deposes
the discomforts of an idealist who is trying
to make himself at home in the universe.

The following books will be published by
Harper & Brothers on the 23d inst.
"Impressions and Experiences," by W. D.
Howells; "Limitations," a novel by E. F.
Johnson; "A Rebellious Heroine," a story by
John Kendrick Bangs; "Green Fire," a ro-

manse by Fiona Macleod; and "Under the
Greenwood Tree" (new edition), by Thomas
Hardy.

Madame Calve and Madame Melba will
both appear in the next issue of the Ladies
Home Journal with articles on the voice.
Madame Melba has written before and is, in
fact, no novice with the pen, but this is
Madame Calve's first attempt at authorship.
She wrote the article in French, and after
an English translation had been made of it
she had the original manuscript bound be-
tween two covers as a souvenir of her
debut as a writer.

An important feature of Harper's Magazine
for several months to come will be Foulton
Bigelow's series of papers on the "White
Man's Burden," dealing in a thoroughly popu-
lar way the new continent recently opened
up to European exploitation. The first paper,
in the November issue, will be a novel in-
troduction, but it will give a novel view of
Jameson's raid from material placed in the
author's hand by an English physician and
Boer official—thus presenting both sides of
this remarkable episode. The series is a re-
sult of a journey to South Africa under-
taken by Mr. Bigelow for Harper's Magazine
and is illustrated from photographs specially
made for the purpose.

All readers of "Sentimental Tommy" will
be curious to know just how far Mr. Barrie
takes that entertaining young man on life's
journey, and the conclusion of the story in
the November Scribner's will excite unusual
interest. Tommy is one of Mr. Barrie's great-
est characters.

The November 1st issue of the Chap-Book
will contain a story by George Bernard
Shaw, author of "Arms and the Man," and
the writer of the Saturday Review's dra-
matic criticism over the initials G. B. S.
There will also be a caricature of Mr. Shaw
by Max Beerbolm.

So great has been the demand for Vil-
lar's life of Savonarola, that a new and popu-
lar edition has been prepared by Charles
Scribner's Sons. This is to be in one vol-
ume, printed on good paper, and will be at
a popular price, so that this important bi-
ography will be for the first time within
every one's reach.

On Our Book Table.

BOOKS.
From the St. Paul Book and Stationery
company:

"Amazons Egeon, Cavalier," by Maurice Hervey. \$1.25. "Iras, a
Mystery," by Theo Douglas. \$1.25. "Aspects
of the Past," by Theodore Roosevelt. \$1.25.
By Brandt Matthews. "A Primer of College
Football," by W. H. Lewis.

"The Milk of Human Kindness Never Did
Run Smooth," by W. H. Lewis. \$1.25. "The
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This week we are offering the Greatest Reductions ever made in St. Paul on High Grade Shoes. Prices cut no figure unless you can get the STYLE YOU WANT AND THE SIZE YOU WEAR. What benefit is it to you if we OR ANY ONE ELSE advertise an \$8.00 Shoe for \$1.98 if they haven't your size? Look over our list below. See that we do as we advertise and give you prices on goods you can use.

Stacy, Adams & Co.'s High-Grade Enamel Shoes, made on the new style toes. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$4.60**

Our own make Men's Enamel
Shoes, made on the new Build-
dog Toes; all sizes and widths; as
good as anybody's. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$3.40**

Men's Genuine Storm Calf
Shoes, in the new Builddog Toes,
double sole; made well and equal
to any \$6.00 shoe in the city. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$3.10**

Stacy, Adams & Co.'s make Men's
Patent Leather Lace Shoes, the new
Peach Toe; would be \$3.35
good value at \$6.00. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$3.35**

How's this for a Corker? 600
pairs Men's regular \$5.00 Enamel
Lace Shoes, all sizes and
widths. This week.....**\$2.90**

Stacy, Adams & Co.'s Hand-
Shaped Calf Shoes, the invisible
sole, latest style. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$3.60**

Youths' Calf Lace
Shoes, just the thing for
wear, sizes 11 to 2. Price.....**\$1.25**

Boys' Calf Lace Shoes, the kind
that stands hard now, sizes
3 to 5. Special.....**\$1.50**

Men's Hand
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Misses' and Children's.
Dugan & Hudson's make, Misses'
Genuine Kangaroo Shoes, in lace
and button, extension sole; they are
good value at \$2.50. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$1.50**

Misses' Spring Heel Dongala Kid
Shoes, in cloth or kid tops,
sizes 11 to 2. Good value at \$2.00.
Price this week.....**\$1.00**

Child's Kid Lace
Shoes, spring heels,
patent leather tips,
cheap at \$1.50. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**90c.**

Child's Genuine Kangaroo Spring
Heel Shoes, lace or button. Exclu-
sive sale sizes, 8½ to 12. Good
value at \$2.00. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$1.20**

Child's Kid Spring Heel Shoes,
patent leather tips, sizes
6 to 8. Others ask \$1.50. Special
Price.....**80c.**

Three new styles Edwin C. Burr's
make Ladies' Shoes, turn and
welt sole, the reg-
ular \$6.00 grade.
Now.....**\$4.00**

Ladies' Fine French Calf Shoes
in lace and button, made in all the
new style "Up-to-Date" shapes;
Half-Dime, Dime, Quarter and Half-
Dollar Toes; usually \$3.20. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$3.15**

Ladies' Vici Kid Lace and But-
ton Double-Sole Shoes, for street
wear; all the new, \$3.15
up-to-date styles.
Price.....**\$3.15**

Sold by others at \$4.50.

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Ladies' "Man Fashion" Vici Kid
Patent Leather Tip, Lace Street
Boots; worth \$2.00. Reduc-
tion Sale Price.....**\$2.00**

Ladies' "Tailor-Made" Extension
Sole, Patent Leather Tip, Lace or
Button, made of Vici kid; latest
style toes. Reduc-
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Ladies' "Man Fashion" Vici Kid,
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