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POEMS EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW

# SONNET FOR THE YEAR.

The dewdrops in themselves no brilliance hold. As, trembling, they bedeck the field at morn, But let the sun but kiss them, and behold! A myriad radiant hues of light are born, The sparkle of the costly gem is gained, With grind and pollsh of the workman's care, Till in its perfect beauty it is framed, Fit for a monarch in his crown to wear. And thus, though often dull and drear our day, Our sky ne'er pierced by beam of kindly light, We know the clouds will part and o'er our way The blessed sun shine down full clear and bright. And years' like gems' will glitter in its rays And fill the golden chalice of our days. -A. McCallum.

## OPPORTUNITY'S REPLY.

They do me wrong who say I come no more, When once I knock and fail to find you in; For every day I stand outside your door, And bid you wake and rise and fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away; Weep not for golden ages on the wane; Each Night I burn the records of the day; At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped; To vanished joys be blind, and deaf and dumb; My judgments seal the dead past with its dead, But never bind a moment yet to come.

-Walter Malone. \*

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## BOOKS.

House of a Thousand Candles" was ex-hausted in November, and the novel bids fair to repeat its American suc-cess. It is already issued in independ-A man's true nature comes out when he speaks to children and dogs. He ent editions in Canada and Austria. The English press is speaking in corcannot fool them as he can the rest of the world, so he doesn't try. If he is dial praise of the workmanship of the tale, which presents, moreover, the rar-est of achievements these days-a new loving, they cling to him, if not, they run away. Their intuitions work instantly, automatically and with truth. More than this, the lover of children always shows his best side to them unand astonishing device in romantic fiction. always shows his best side to them un-consciously. The world would often re-verse its judgments if it could see its great men at play. Here is a little book, "Children's Letters," which gives us a peep, and a charming one, at many famous men of many lends. It gives Though Kipling loves England, he dislikes her winter climate and has gone to the beautiful home near Cape Town, South Africa, which was given us a peep, and a charming one, at many famous men of many lands. It gives letters and extracts, which they have written to children they loved. People whom you have never thought of in connection with children figure in them like Martin Luther and Huxley, as well as men like Hans Christian Andersen and Lewis Carroll, whose one delight as men like Hans Christian Andersen and Lewis Carroll, whose one delight in life was to make the little ones hap-py in his own quizzical way. Indeed, it was the great defect of Carroll's character that he snipped off the narac friendships so soon as the little girls began to let down their frocks and take began to let down their frocks and take up their hair, and the boys put on long trousers and surreptitiously shaved. In these letters one can find Sydney Smith and Tom Hood joking and punning with their little friends, just as they did with their big correspondents; there is that ingenious letter of Lewis Car-roll's, which he called a lookingglass letter, because it had to be read back-ward: Sitevenson's sift of his birthday Stevenson's gift of his birthday ward; o a little girl who was born on Christmas and thus defrauded out of one holiday, is also given. Then there is a letter from Lincoln to a little girl who had suggested he wear whiskers, in which he says, "As to the whiskers, having never worn any, do you not think people would call it a piece of silly affectation if I were to begin it now?" And this written when he was the busiest and most harassed of men. Besides these letters I have mentioned you will find in this little book letters from Walter Scott to his children. Hel en Keller's letters to her friends and their replies, letters from Benjamin Franklin to his daughter, letters from Edwin Booth to his daughter, General Lee's letters to his little girls, letters from Nathaniel Hawthorne and his wife to their children, etc. There is wife to their children, etc. book. Opened at any place, it is de-lightful.—Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, publishers, New York. Price \$1 post-paid. . . . "The Soul of an Artist," translated from the Italian of Neera, by E. L. Murison, is a sort of spiritual biography, recalling Amiel and Marie Bash-kirtseff, but differing as much from both as each of these self-revelators differs from the other. The heroine, a great actress, writes of the inner life as it seems to a woman of the most exquisite refinement who has attained only unmet heights. It has been ar art's utmost heights. It has been assumed that this heroine is Eleanora Juse; it might be any great tragic actress, so thoroughly does the book ignore all facts of the outward life which would assist in identification. spirit of the book is that of a pure idealism delicately touched with satiric humor. This is the first book issued from the New York office of Paul Elder & Company, and with the one exception of Keeler's ::San Francisco Through Earthquake and Fire," the first book published by them since the San Fran-cisco disaster. "Famous Hymns of the World," by Allan Sutherland, contains the history of the writing of 18 of the most widely known religious songs. There are also omantic stories of the singing of these hymns, of times when they helped to instantiation and the second structure in the second structure in the second structure. The second s While Wilbur Nesbit was finishing his humorous novel, "The Gentleman Itagman," he was spending a few weeks in a country town in Indiana. He had sent nearly all of the revised manu-script to his publishers, but certain details of the completion of the plot had been the subject of discussion between himself and a friend connected with the publishing house. One day a telegram for Nesbit was received at the village

#### LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



### A YOUNG FAMILY GROUP.

The picture shows five of Brigham Young's children, all well known Salt Lakers, as they appeared thirty-five years ago. The picture is thought to have been taken about 1870, just prior to the departure of Willard Young. who is the young man in the group, for West Point, where he served as Utab's first cadet. The woman standing at the side of Willard is Mrs. Zina Y. Card, while the other three, beginning at the left, are Mrs. Mary Y. Croxall. deceased, Mrs. Phoebe Y. Beatle, and Mrs. Maria Y. Dougall.

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which has a way of its own of decid- the Trusts, and the People" and "The ing such matters, has practically chos-en to drop "The Awakening," and, by reviewers and readers alike, the book is almost always referred to simply as

'Helena Richie." The recent publication, by the Harpars, of Lord Losebery's book on "Lord Randolph Churchill,"has aroused renewed interest in the same author's book on Napeleon; and one buyer must an officer of the law, sir, not to do any thing rash when you get to Chicago." The third English edition of "The have thought it a work solely of Water-loo, for he ordered under the title of "Napoleon, the Last Faze," instead of

Phase. \* \* \* "Boy Wanted," is "a book of cheer-ful counsel," by Nixon Waterman, au-thor of "In Merry Mood," etc. Illus-trated. It is a book that will interest boys of all ages, and also their par-ents and teachers. The author has avoided the triteness common in books of advice and prepared a volume which any boy will read with pleasure. Fol-

any boy will read with pleasure. Fol-lowing is a page from the book: What is there for you to do? Everything and anything you can do or care to do. You are to take your pick of all the trades, professions, and vocations of mankind. Look about you and note the thousand and one things now being done by the men of today. It will not be a very long till today. It will not be so very long till all of these men will be old enough to all of these men will be old enough to retire from active service, and then you and the other boys, who in the meantime have grown to man's estate, will be called upon to perform every one of the tasks these men are now doing. Doesn't it look as if there would be plenty of honest, earnest, whole-The Harpers have just published new editions of "The Call of the Blood" and "Sophy of Kravonia," and also an-other edition of "The Awakening of Helena Richie," which is in steady desome toil for hand and head in store for you as soon as you are ready to undertake it? You cannot wonder that the busy old world is ever and always hanging out its notice-

Heart of the Railroad Problem," is a luminous and Informing story of the taking over of the railways by Switzer-land and the results that have followed. Dr. Parsons made a careful personal investigation of the subject a few years when the Swiss government was

Dr. Farsons made a careful provided investigation of the subject a few years ago, when the Swiss government was taking over the railways. Last summer he returned to Switzerland to ascertain the results of government-ownership and operation. This paper is a strong brilliant and authoritative contribution to the great railroad question now so engrossing public attention. Another important railroad paper in this issue is entitled "Is Railroad Rate-Regulation a Step to Government-Ownership," by Edwin F. Gruhi and Edgar E. Robinson . In it are given the views of a number of the most prominent authorities of America. "Governor Joseph W. Folk," a character sketch by the Hon. Thomas Speed Mosby, is a graphic and interesting study of Governor Folk, with an account of the work he has accomplished by the pardon-attorney of Missouri. A fine portrait of Governor Folk from his latest photograph, forms the frontispice of this issue. "William Morris and Esthetic Socialism," by Thomas Dickinson, Ph. D., is an extremely interesting paper by the author whose sympatries are in harmony with the Socialistic ideals. "Our Vanishing Liberty of the Press," by Theodore Schroeder, is a vigorous paper that is well calculated to make even the most profound in teresting papers to students of social affairs are "Broad Aspects of Kaceteresting papers to students of social affairs are "Broad Aspects of Race-Suicide" and "Child Labor," the first Suicide" and "Child Labor, the inst by Professor Frank T. Carlton, the lat-ter by Elinor H. Stoy. Both are rich in vital facts presented in a striking and interesting manner. "William Wheelwright: "The Yankee Pioneer of the Modern Industry in South America" is the title of an interesting and instructive paper by Professor Frederick M. Not, which is handsomely illustrated. "Porfirio Diaz: The Maker of Modern Mexico" is the title of the Book-Study by the editor of "The Arena." It is based on Mrs. Alec-Tweedie's late ex-tended biography of Porfirio Diaz. The editorial department is unusually strong in discussions of value to all persons interested in present-day socia and political questions considered from the view-point of progressive democracy,

Charles Klein, author of "The Music Master," "The Lion and the Mouse," and "The Daughters of Men, the most successful American plays produced during the past three seasons, advances during the past increases and the a matter of the greatest importance that there should be a high moral standing governing theatrical representations, Mr. Klein thinks that boards of physi-

Mr, Klein thinks that boards of physi-cians and metaphysiclans, not aldermen or political censors, should be formed to exercise control of the playhouses. "People," says Mr. Klein, "go to see plays in a raceptive mood, with minds easily absorbed. They receive in their sub-conscious selves certain mental ple-ruses which may have a very marked tures, which may have a very marked influence on the subsequent develop-ment of character. Impressions thus received sub-consciously the individ-ual is very apt to mistake for his own riginal thought. In consequence, there s an equal likelihood that we will be dominated by them. An audience is in an auto-hypnotic state, and the pyscho-logical aspect of the influence of presented pictures of characters is of the utmost importance."

At a time when "Comstockery" as a noral censor is a question more or less a issue, Mr. Klein's suggestion will ause considerable discussion

The January number of "Dress" makes its appearance in a charming cover by Stuart Travis. Mr. Travis's picture, one of his best works, is admir-ably reproduced and effectually set off with a seed best works and set off

ably reproduced and effectually set off with a good border that adds splendor to the beautiful cover. This number equals any of its prede-cessors in beauty, and excells them even in practical and helpful interest. The new department entitled "Help-ful Suggestions," will surely be wel-comed by these who love to express their individual tastes in their gowns. There are many more fashions than in the pravious numbers, beautifully presented and in a practical and help-ful manner. ul manner.

ful manner. Nothing that the fashionable woman needs to know is lacking from this number, for the whole range of the month's fashions are here. The most elaborate creations of the

great French masters, current fashions from the best American designers, and urgestions and designs for all possible laptations of the mode to individual estes.

The color pages are superb. Each one is a veritable work of art. The boudoir article is replete with suggestions for the dressing table, and the new fashions in jewelry are shown: and the article on the subject tells of the latest fads and the return of car-

The latest task and the fetule of ear-rings. Children's fashions are charmingly presented by drawings and descriptions; and to every woman confronted with the ever-present, ever- changing prob-lem of juvenile attire, an authoritative presentment of this subject cannot fail of interest. The nrice of "Dress" is 50 cents a copy: \$5.00 a year. McCready-Beals Co., New York, are the publish-ers.

#### 1 6.8 LOVE A LA MODE.

The Magazine Heroine sighed as she her hand on the shoulder of the Magazine Hero.



ONDON, Dec. 19 .- "Let me have men about me that are fat," Shakespeare makes Caesar say to

Mark Anthony when confiding to

him his mistrust of the "lean and hun-gry" Cassius. But according to a Parisian writer it is the fat people who should be regarded with most sus-picion. He has just written a book to er distinguished men, at a recent met-ling at the house of lords, formed an association for the purpose of purchas-ing Coleridge's cottage for the nation. The cottage is at Nether Stowey in picion. He has just written a book to prove that an abundance of adipose tis-Somersetshire in the famous Quantock district. While Coleridge was only the sue, in man or woman, far from indicat-ing a frank, honest, generous disposion often serves as a mask for rascall-and cunning. He cites numerous extenant of this cottage for a few years.

"Billy," she said, "where did you get that hat?" He smiled.

"Turn over to page 116 of the adver-tising section, and you will see. The finest hat for the money in the world. And yours " "At Madame Ricou's, the milliner's, "At Madame Ricours, the minners, Her ad it on page 41, front section." He gazed at her a moment in speech-less admiration, at her faultless shirt-waist (notice of sale was given in these waist (notice of sale was given in the columns last month), at her wonderfully hanging skirt (see McGregor's display ad, second inside cover) and at her neat shoes (colored insert). Then he

"Dolly you are all to the good. There nothing about you that I don't

She tossed her head (McBurn's Hairdressing establishment) proudly as she nestled close to his waistcoat (Banger's Tailoring Emporium, page 4).

"I can say the same thing of you," she whispered (go to Jackard's for engagement wedding rings-page 128), engagement wedding rings-page 125), "for, dearest, have we not both of us been tried and tested by the public long enough to be warranted?"-Tom Masson in the December Delingator.

#### NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

The following 35 books will be add-ed to the Public Library Monday morning, Dec. 31, 1906: MISCELLANEOUS.

Anthony Susan B .-- Life and Yorks, 2 vols. Buel & Hill-Reinforced Concrete. Cook & Tinker-Translations from

Old English Poetry. Choate-Addresses and Orations. Cynewulf-Elene, Dunwoody-Weather Proverba, Freeman-General Sketch of Hiz-

Houghton-Telling Bible Storie

McDaniel-Utah at the World's olumbian Exposition, (reference). Reosevelt-Messages and Speeches, Rouse, ed .- National Documents,

(reference) Shoemaker-Winged Wheels in

Thomson-Herbert Spencer, Whiting-Iand of Enchantment,

GERMAN BOOKS. Sudermann-Es War. Sudermann-Es war. Sudermann-Geschwister, Sutner-Martba's kinder, Sutner-Wolfen nieder, 2 vols. Wolff-Die Honkonigsburg. Wolff-Der Raubgraf.

FICTION. Donnell-Very Small Person. Harland-Distractions of Martha, Koen-Not a Judgment, Kinkead-Invisible Bond. Mathewz-Undefiled. Moore-Memoirs of My Dead Life.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS. Good—Magical Experiments, Hough—King of Gee Whiz. Lossing—Two Spies, Lummis—Land of Poco Tempo, Nicolay—Boys' Life of Abraham Lincoln. Sweensen-Boys and Girls from

George Ellot.



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man family. I do not know of more than one or two doctors on the past recom-mend it for the simple reason that the party will not give the complete for-mula to the medical fraternity, there-fore, they will not prescribe it. In cer-tain coses however, they have pre-Lord Lytton, Lord Crewe, James an cases, however, they have pre-scribed it under a different name and have reaped the benefit of its cures. MATT HARRIS. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 2, 1905. Brice, Prof.Knight and some dozen oth-

"(The cure comes highly recommend-ed, Mr. Harris' standing in the lumber trade and as a man is known to many of the fraternity. 'The Lumberman' pleased to give prominence to this statement by Mr. Harris and as for sending him a bill, our answer is similar to that given by the little boy with the apple, when asked for the core: 'There ain't goin's to be no core.'-Editor.)' The idea of a specific being so effect-ive as to cause an enthusiastic specta-tor entirely unknown to the compoundto advertise it at his own expense ers. and the declination of a great paper of national circulation to accept pay for same is an experience that no history parallels. The article refers to the recoveries being made by Fulton's Compounds, and was as much a surprise to the Fulton people as to anybody. They knew nothing of it until thirty days after the article appeared. We, too, will see that people desiring it are sent literature concerning this important discovery .-- F. J. Hill Drug Co., Salt Lake City.

#### The "American Lumberman" Gets Remarkable Article From a California Friend-The Editor's Comments.

The remarkable article following, with the Editor's commonts thereon, is taken from the "American Lumber-man," the able exponent of the lumber interests of the country: Editor "American Lumberman," Chica Editor "American Lumberman," Chica-

go, III. go, 111. Dear Sir: We are aware that there is a great deal of Bright's Disease and Diabetes among the lumber fraternity in general and many others, and I feel as though it is my duty to say to the suffering that we have a remedy on this coast which has a record for alleviating the sufferings of 25 per cent of the pa-tients who have tried it. In one case in particular (a man 72 years old that the doctors had given up), about a year ago somebody advised the old gentle-man of it and today he is working at his business as a photographer and says that age is against him, of course, but he does not anticipate that he will die of Bright's Disease. I have in mind another case which five eminent doctors of California and the East had given up. This was a Dear Sir: We are aware that there

the East had given up. This was a very prominent man, and the attending physicians said he couldn't live twelve hours. His family tried it and it kept him alive for five weeks. Owing to a him alive for five weeks. Owing to a climatic change he died, but I am satis-fied that had he acted on my advice and taken it a year sooner, he would

be alive today. Several men of prominence and weathn have been saved. One i would mention in particular is a former Jus-tice of the Supreme Court, who was given up by the doctors twelve years near but is alive today. And I know of ago, but is alive today. And I know of many people, both rich and poor, it has

many people, both rich and poor, it has helped. About six years ago a couple of Southern Pacific rallroad conductors contracted Bright's Disease and they went up into the mountains to camp; the doctors said they could not live more than a year, and somebody sug-gested it to them and I have been ing formed by parties who know them tha, they are again at their posts and con-sider themselves fully cured. I am not doing this for any pecuniary gain for myself, neither will I give the name of the medicine, but if anybody interested will write to me, sending stamps for reply, etc., I will see that they are supplied with literature suffi-cient to satisfy any one (except, per-haps, a physician) of the merit of the preparation and that it will prolong life if not cure the disease. All I ask is that the party send stamps with his or her inquiry (6 cents would probably be enough to cover the postage on the reading matter to be sent.) While I do not consider myself quite as good an authority on medical mat-ters as on lumber, I feel that I am fri duty bound to let your readers know 4 the existence of this thing and that it will help such as are afflicted with these diseases, and probably cure them. If there will be any charge for this send me the bill and I will gladly remit, for I feel that this is the least I can do to hep my fellow man. I would say to you further that I do not know the party who puts up this medicine, neith-er do I know anybody connected with party who puts up this medicine, neith-er do I know anybedy connected with the institution. I do know, however, that the preparation will help the hu-

telegraph office. It read: "What are you going to do about An-nie Davis and Pinkney Sanger?"

Annie is the heroine of "The Gentle-man Ragman;" Pinkney is the villain, if there is one in the book. The local telegraph operator personally delivered message, and Nesbit wrose this re-

"Will marry Annie Davis and shoot Pinkney Sanger as soon as I return to Chicago

The operator stared at Neson work-deringly when he read the message, but Nesbit did not fathom that stare until the morning when he took the train home, when the village marshal stepped up to him and said, meaning-

nand for the holiday season. The author of "The Slave of Silence. Fred M. White, is one of England's popular writers of ingenious mystery stories. Discussing the subject of ideas stories. Discussing the subject of ideas for novels, he said recently: "I recol-lect some years ago in fine weather looking out of a back window and see-ing a clothes line. Noticing that the line sagged—the reason being that it had not been in recent use—and re-membering that directly a clothes line gets wet it comes up like a harpstring, I at once exclaimed to myself, 'Here's a motive. By some means or another a man fainting or wounded falls in a mesh of cord that is bose and hanging down. There is a kink in the cord, rain descends, the cord tightens, and the man is strangled. Subsequently the rain ceases, the cord lossens, and the body drops to the ground. This would be a death difficult to account for, wouldn't it? I utilized the notion in my book entitled 'The Cardinal Moth' which attracted the attention of King Edward." Like E. Phillips oppenheim and other English novellsts, Mr. White's favorite sport is golf. "I he says. "It's play it every afternoon." he sa fine discipline for the temper."

It seems to be one of the inevitable penalties or pleasures of literary suctess to become the target for endless questions and requests from all sorts of people. Wilbur Nesbit, author of that suc-

Wilbur Nesbit, author of that suc-cessful book, "The Gentleman Rag-man," recently published by the Har-pers, received a few days ago from a young woman who was an entire stranger to him, a letter announcing the she was abundle a noval and do

that she was planning a novel, and de-manding that Nesbit furnish her with manding that Nesbit furnish her with a list of possible characters to fit into a tentative plot which she suggested. She demanded, too, that he furnish her with some paragraphs of funny talk. "And in conclusion," says Mr. Nesbit, in teiling the tale, "she suavely said that she honed she was not asking too that she hoped she was not asking too much, and asked that I should jot down the ideas just as soon as I possibly could!

Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, the inventor of Dr. L. Zamennor, the investor of Esperanto, the universal language which has begun to attract such wide and important attention, has an inter-esting paper in regard to this new lan-guage in the current number of the North American Review.

Striking names for articles of mer-chandise are constantly in demand, and the success of a new breakfast food, toothpower or novel depends nowadays largely upon the genlus behind the name. It appears that imitation en-ters into commercial nomenclature as into other branches of business. Soon after Meredith Nicholson's novel, "The House of a Thousand Candles," was launched, a railway paraphrased the name to suit its own needs as "The Road of a Thousand Wonders." Two candy manufacturers in widely separat-ed cities have lately been advertising ed cities have lately been advertising "The House of a Thousand Candies." A well known summer resort hotel has proclaimed itself far and wide "The House of a Thousand Delights." Mr. House of a Thousand Dengats. Arr Nicholson's good luck as a maker of phrases has followed him in the title of his new romance now running as a serial in the Reader Magazine and anserial in the Reader Magazine and the nounced for publication in the spring. "The Port of Missing Men." He recent-ly received in good faith a check for a handsome sum from a great canning factory in western New York asking him to name a new "line" of fancy pickles-an offer which he declined for the reason, as he wrote the presider the company, that he was afraid of making himself liable under the pure food law. . . .

The operator stared at Nesbit won-eringly when he read the message, ut Nesbit did not fathom that stare ntil the morning when he took the rain home, when the village marshal tepped up to him and said, meaning-""Mr. Neshit, I would advise you, as

"BOY WANTED."

"Wanted-A Boy." How often we This quite familiar notice see. Wanted-a boy for every kind Of task that a busy world can find. He is wanted-wanted now and here; There are towns to build; there are notice to be are paths to clear;

There are seas to sail; there are gulfs to span. In the ever onward march of man.

Wanted-the world wants boys today And it offers them all it has for pay. 'T will grant them wealth, position, fame

A useful life, and an honored name. Boys who will guide the plow and pen: Boys who will shape the ways for men; Boys who will forward the tasks begun. the world's great work is never done.

The world is eager to employ Not just one, but every boy Who, with a purpose stanch and true, Will greet the work he finds to do. Honest, faithful, earnest, kind,— To good, awake: to evil, blind,-A heart of gold without alloy,-Wanted-the world wants suc -Forbes & Co., Box 664 Chicago, Ill.

# MAGAZINES.

"The Arena" for December presents a strong and varied table of contents. "The Nationalization of Railways in Switzerland, by Professor Frank Parsons, Ph. D., author of "The Rallways,



#### ERATIC AUTHORESS MARRIES A POET.

Miss Hallie Erminie Rives, who became the wife of Post Wheeler, the poet, at the American embassy in Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 29, is a sister of the Princess Troubetskoy, who, prior to her divorce from Joha Armstrong Chanler, was the famous Amelia Rives, who first attracted attention as the author of "The Quick or the Dead." The Rives family is an old and respected one in Virginia and Mr. Wheeler is now second secretary of the American embassay at Tokyo, Mrs. Wheeler is best known as the author of "Hearts Courageous" and "A Furnace of Earth."

. . . The January issue of The People's

Magazine is a special holiday number. Short stories by Eden Philipotts, E. F. Benson, Elmore Elliott Peake, George R. Sims, Albert Kinross, and other equally well-known writers, and a com-plete novel by Charles Carey, the au-thor of "The Van Suyden Sapphres." and distinction to this special issue. Mr. Benson's story is of the ghost var-iety, and is one of the best ghost stor-les that has come to light in a long time. It is told with that breath of excitement which is so necessary to stories of the unreal-although after reading the story it is hard to say

reading the story if is hard to say what is real and what is unreal. This is undoubtedly one of the best things that the famous author of "Dode" has ever written, and the short story read-ers will miss a treat if they let it go by

by In the Times Magazine for January

mples from contemporaneous French riminal annals to support his conten-ion that the most successful swindlers are generally fat people and that their victims among the lean are legion. Mme. Guerin Cesbron, the heroine of he fraudulent matrimonial agency which has furnished the latest Parisiar which has furnished the latest rational sensation, is as rotund as a beer barrel. Mme. Therese Humbert, whose phan-tom millions long enabled her to revel in the most costly luxuries, is another if his examples of embonpoint combined with dishonesty. Boulaine, the banker who was gifted with such rare talents

for transferring money from other people's pockets into his own, was a man of aldermanic proportions. According to the French author, not only are fat folk more likely to be dis-honest than thin ones, but their obesity renders it easier for them to perpetrate frauds. This, he says, is because of the mistaken notion that rotundity of fig-

mistaken hotion that rotundity of ng-ure is an indication that its possessor has a clear conscience; whereas in most cases, it is the result of dealing dishonestly with one's stomach. On the other hand, the lean person, he contends is naturally less disposed to contends, is naturally less disposed to be dishonest and because of the suspicion which his slim figure arouses finds it harder to carry out financial swindles on a large scale. After this exposure, embonpoint will cease to in-spire confidence in Paris. The next fraudulent female, to succeed, will have to be as thin as Sarah Bernhardt.

Sad news comes concerning Lieut. Bilse, the author of "In a Small Garri-son Town." It is only a few years since this young German officer startled the world with his book and its truly menderity revelations. It will be revonderful revelations. It membered that because of its publica-tion he had to leave his regiment and tion he had to leave his regiment and the army. He retired with his family to a suburb of Berlin, Zehrendorf, and tried to make a living writing othe novels. But he was a failure. Now word comes that he has disappeared, leaving his family to the tender mer-cles of the world. His was a "moon-uch ditting" and the police, egged on cles of the world. His world, egged on light flitting" and the police, egged on by a swarm of creditors, are seeking him. It is rumored that he has gone to the United States with a companion who is said to be a very charming woman, but not his wife.

Judging both by past and present his-tory a sure way of securing an abnor-mal success for a book is to have it refused by about every publisher in town. That has been the experience in the past, according to their own story, of many of the authors of great literary successes. It is the story now of Janes Baker, author of "The Inseparables." for he tells me that 21 publishers in London read the manuscript and returned it to him with the briefest pos-sible notes of refusal. Yet the novel has just passed its third edition and is about to go into a fourth.

Many valuables are to be offered at the almost continuous auction sales held this month at Sotheby's, but one of the most interesting things will be Keats' will. It is written on a scrap of Reats will, it is which on a set of it paper and was sent by the poet to his publisher, John Taylor, on Aug. 14, 1820. The document reads as follows: "My chest of books divide among my friends. In case of my death, this

My chest of books drove and the first friends. In case of my death, this scrap of paper may be serviceable in your possession. All my estate, real and personal, consists in the hopes of the sale of books publish'd and unpub-lish'd. Now I wish Brown and you to

which can now be secured for a mem-orial purpose. It was here also that he composed and wrote all his finest poetry. . . . When the Louvre was partly burned

the only one of his residences

in 1871 many precious manuscripts were utterly destroyed. Among these was Guillaume Collerel's work, "Lives of the French Poets." This covered the period from 1209 to 1647. Every historian de-plored the loss of this priceless collec-tion. The well known biographer, Ad. tion. The well known biographer, Ad. van Bever, believed that many critics and editors must have copied some por-tions of the work in their time. So he patiently searched for transcripts. Aft-er years of untiring labor he has had wonderful success and has discovered

copies of 212 of the 442 biographies. Some are 100 or more years old. They are about to be published at Paris in five octavo volumes.

This is an iconoclastic age of a truth. One must not believe what one hears and only half of what one sees. Henri Houssaye has just destroyed the tradition of Napoleon's old guard at Water loo-Cambronne's answer to the Eng-lish summons to surrender-"The old Wellington's historic phrase, "Up, guard and at 'em," of course, has been shattered and so have a bushel or so of other equally historic phrases. Hous-saye says that great men at great moments have too much to do and think of, to be sentence-making for posterity. He is continuing his work of shattering and will soon be tackling George Wash-ington and the cherry-tree incident. CHARLES OGDENS.

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