



## A MARCH SNOW.

With all these roaring, blust'rous days  
We hoped at least for sunshine free;  
And tight red winds on bush and tree;  
A wind-blown sky as blue as May's.  
Earth turns white as with distress,  
And crocuses, all aglow,  
Sink to her yellow chin in snow,  
This wild spring in winter's dress.

It is not forever, golden heart!

The pigeons, wiser far than you,  
Wheel round the icy roofs and coo  
Of peach-trees' blush, the honey-mart  
Of bees—white butterflies a-wing,  
Warm hope, though all the past were  
ill.

One disappointment cannot chill;

One snow will not unmake the spring!

—Youth's Companion.

## EPIC POETRY.

Bind Homer, old and sad and calm and strong,  
Dising apart on war and wanderings,  
Of Ilium and Ulysses' venturings;  
Of Helen who sped the ships  
A staff and lyre unto the bard belong;  
Her beauty fades with the returning  
springs;  
Ah, rose-light of the far-off buried  
things!  
Ah, hurray! ah, Siren-cloying song!

The remotest towers of Ilium, where  
are they?  
And dove-like, valiant Paris, where is he?  
Grows she still lovelier walking by his side?  
Only the beauties of the soul abide,  
The sons of Homer lonely by the sea,  
The soul of man upon its morning-way.

## NOTES.

An editor of the New Metropolitan Magazine, Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, says the rest of humanity suffers occasionally from the vagaries of parlor-gods. Not long ago it was decided that his library shelves should be thoroughly dusted. Accordingly the books were carefully removed. Now Mr. Bangs has a grandfather who wrote quite as voluminously as himself, though upon a rather more religious range of subjects. All these pious volumes had been cared for and respectfully segregated. Mr. Bangs supposed they always would be. But he had failed to reckon with the agency of a parlor-maid. When he next entered his library, he was pained to observe his grandfather's volume of Letters on meditation standing shoulder to shoulder with his own House-boats on the Six. Mr. Bangs is said to have remarked, "And the sins of the children shall be visited upon the fathers."

Israel Zangwill's new book will be published this month by the Macmillan Company, under the title of The Grey King. This is the name of the first story, the names of the others are The Queen's Fortune, The Woman Beater, The Great Bow Mystery, The Devil's Fortune, and Wotan. Siegfried von Rennhak, was a schoolboy of 17 when he wrote his first book.

Twenty-five years' works a mighty change in the appearance of most men. But this rule, like others, has its exception; for occasionally we encounter a man who appears to be able to defy time and the traces it leaves in its wake. One of these is John M. Young, ex-chief of police of this city. A quarter of a century ago he was as comely a youth as could be found in a day's journey. A glance at the above old album leaf will show that. Since then Mr. Young has had experiences as numerous and diverse as the most ambitious might care for. He has had his turn, too, at politics and mining, and with the result that he now believes that it is better to reach for the substance than to grasp for the shadow. With that resolve in mind he is now holding a responsible position with the Oregon Short Line, and belongs to that class for whom the memory of long daily journeys to and from school, the picturesque scenes of the colliers trooping home of evening with their bright, sharp picks glancing under the lamp-light, and the rough, lumber paths of their lives that impress her with a smile. A Daughter of the Pit." Not long after she had turned 20 years, her family removed to Canada and she studied at Rochester, N. Y., to become a nurse. While there, she met her husband, who is now a well-known physician in New York City.

Mrs. Alice Chapman, who wrote Women Tales from Wagner, The Story of Rhinegold, and Wotan, Siegfried von Rennhak, was a schoolboy of 17 when he wrote his first book.

Under Tales, the little volume had a substantial and deserving success, and after & Brothers soon declared that the three sell steadily over year, largely, course, on account of the increasing demand in the study of Wagner. Miss Chapman is now at Hot Springs, Va.

C. K. S., of the London Sphere, who is, as every one knows, Clement K. Shorter, is engaged with the other English critics in examining into the significance of Elinor Glyn's work in The Reflections of Ambrosine. He reaches the conclusion that Mrs. Glyn described correctly and brilliantly a stratum of English society. "She is at this moment," he writes, "our leading novelist of modern manners. After all, I am bound to say that the work of Elinor Glyn is really more objective as an antidote to the satirist Thackeray. No one in the world of Vanity Fair was made more mortal by Thackeray's satire. Perhaps Mrs. Glyn's wit and her photographic pictures may be more potent. We know that there is no exaggeration in her stories. Mr. George W. E. Russell has shown us, indeed, in two clever volumes (Collections and Recollections) and An Onlooker's Notebook how very true Mrs. Glyn's pictures are. His censorious pictures are at one with her sympathetic note."

Authors have more trials than most men. Even in their private life famous persons and thwarts them. Elmore Elliott Peake, author of the new novel The Pride of Telford, relates an incident of the kind which occurred to him. Mr. Peake was accustomed to call rather frequently upon a young lady who lived with her aunt. In the course of these visits Mr. Peake became tacitly aware of a certain hostility on the part of the aunt which threatened to cut his visits short. He inquired of the young lady the reason for this ill fortune. She flushed and was silent. Upon Mr. Peake's persisting, however, she admitted that her aunt suspected the author of calling so often merely to study character for his stories. The aunt had avowed she knew that Goethe had used his friends in that way, and she was certain that Mr. Peake was likewise engaged in it. It is long since she would convince her to the contrary. "That is the nearest I ever came," concluded Mr. Peake, to falling into Goethe's footprints."

An unusual instance of the rapid growth in value of limited editions of books has just occurred in the case of two sets of the Alumni edition of Woodrow Wilson's History of the American People, which have been sold in New York. One set to a New York bookseller at \$55, the other to a private purchaser for \$75. This edition was issued by the Harper's at \$40 about six weeks ago, which seems a remarkably brief time in which to achieve a rise of nearly 50 per cent in value.

The death of Julian Ralph, famous as a war correspondent, calls to mind another venture in which he has interested himself in collaboration with Conan Doyle and Rudyard Kipling—namely, a publication of a newspaper in the field during the Boer War. It was called The Friend, and has been put in permanent form under the title of "War's Bright Side," and dedicated

to Field-Marshal Lord Roberts. It reached a circulation at times of 500 copies daily. The book is published by D. Appleton & Company.

Among a score of books which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are making ready for spring publication they announce several new novels. "His Daughter First" is the title of a story by Arthur Sherman de Hardy which draws upon a house party in the New England money market for its complications. It will be published in May. In April will come Alice Brown's double novel, *The Man and the Maid*, said to be her most vivid and dramatic work. For more immediate publication are "The Lieutenant Governor," by Guy Wetmore Carryl, a story of labor troubles hinging upon a new and clever plot; "A Daughter of the Pit," a novel in which Margaret Doyle Jackson gives a vivid picture of collier life; Alice Prescott Smith's "The Legatees," whose scene is laid in a Wisconsin lumber town; and "The Love of a Cowboy," in which Andy Adams has set down his actual experiences on the old Western Trail. C. Hanford Henderson's "John Percyfield"

of everything published relates to business.

A series of Little French Master-pieces, including half a dozen memo volumes, is in preparation by G. P. Putnam's Sons. There will be one volume devoted to Merimee and one each to Flaubert, Gautier, Balzac, Daubet and De Maupassant. The series will present new translations made especially for it by G. B. Ives, while each volume will contain an introduction, critical and biographical, by such men as M. Brunetiere, W. H. Pollock and F. T. Marzials. The series is being edited by Alexander Jessup, who already has the manuscript of the Merimee book ready for the press.

Leonard da Vinci's manuscripts have been scattered all over the world in public and private collections. The Italian government has now decided to have all of them copied and to publish the complete works of Da Vinci for the first time.

## BOOKS.

That Frank Morris should die before reaping the benefit of the fame and fortune which must be the inevitable outcome of his latest literary production, "The Pit," is one of those ingenuous fatalities that seem likely to have developed as a contagion among literary workers. "The Pit" is the third of a triad of novels written by Mr. Morris, dealing with the subject of speculation in the great stock exchanges of the world. In this book he shows the gigantic influence upon the world of the manipulation of wheat in the interest of men and cliques in control of the stock exchange, and the story is told in a way so dramatic as to keep one almost breathless as the great speculative combine wind their wheels of commerce, racing or retarding at their will the impetus of the flow of the great wheat feed throughout the world. Interwoven with the dramatic incidents of the great grain plot is a love story, and this with the excellent character delineations, and masterly touch in description, makes the book an important contribution to American literature.

The volume is on sale at the Deseret News book store.

"The Intrusions of Peggy," Anthony Hope's last novel, is of an entirely different work in atmosphere and personnel from the others of his works. The story deals with the adventures of a pretty and comparatively unpolished young widow, who, launching out into an unknown field of fashion and speculation, is stung by its fancies, her redemption being wrought by the pretty, clever and impulsive Peggy, whose innocent plottings work out a happy ending for the troubles of the chief characters. The story is told in Anthony Hope's own fascinating style and will attract many readers. Harper Bros. publishers.

For sale at the Deseret News book store.

Galdo's Mariandel comes, edited by Edward Gray and published by the American Book Company, New York. This touching and pathetic story of the popular modern Spanish author is here presented with the necessary assistance for reading in elementary Spanish. The particular subject-matter is such as to arouse the interest and hold the attention of the reader, and the style is clear, vigorous and sufficiently colloquial to give full drill in idiomatic phrases. The notes explain difficult grammatical points and literary allusions, and contain references to the leading Spanish grammar.

The vocabulary is complete.

Pitman's Stories of Old France is just out. By Webster Pitman, author of "Another Girl's Experience."

Well suited to serve as an introduction to French history, this book presents charming stories of the most eminent characters and events of Old France written with the utmost fidelity to truth and at the same time clothed with romantic interest. The work gives frequent glimpses of all classes of people and shows French life in its every form. The author has made skillful use of illustrations chosen from the masterpieces of French art, and of photographic views of many of the scenes of the stories. A map of the old provinces renders easy references to geographical points. This is the latest addition to the well-known series of Electric School Readings—American Book Co.

## MAGAZINES.

St. Nicholas this month not only tempts its young friends to read, but sets them to thinking about their books and gives them some helpful hints on how to read for best results. The editor of the books and reading department has a column for boys and girls in lists of the best friends they have made since 1903 began, together with those they like or dislike. "Water Baby," "Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare," and "Alice in Wonderland," with reasons for their judgment, and to write, illustrating if they wish, accounts of their favorite place of reading, prizes being promised for the best work. The classification of books as "spectacle," "kaleidoscope" and "microscope" books and the suggestion on how to read and use them are worth while, books should be of great help to thoughtful girls and boys. St. Nicholas features prize-winners in the March number will be pleased to find their names standing plainly out on the page in black type. They can also for the best verse in 1902 by 15-year-old girl in Caliente, Cal. A cold badge goes to 16-year-old Muriel Douglas, way over in London; and silver badges are on their way to Marjory Anne Garrison, whose address reads impressively, Villa La Lechita, Cathe Roquebrune, Mentone, France, and to Gladys Bullock, who lives in Meggerino Castle, Glen Lyon, Perthishire, Scotland. So a goodly percentage of the clever work of the month, verse and prose, drawings and photographs and puzzles, is done by young ones across the sea, but judges will go on this side the Atlantic and breadth of the continent. New York City: Tarbo, N. C.; Luzerne, Pa.; Salem, Mass.; Nottingham, N. J.; Newark, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; Oakland, Cal.; Sherwood, N. Y.; Brooklyn, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Bloomington, Ill.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Gardenvale, Cal.; Omaha, Neb.; St. Petersburgh, Fla.; Cleveland, Ohio; Forestville, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.; Mackensie, N. J.; Sylvania, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; Toledo, N. Y., and Nine O.

As for the boys' stories and verse, pictures and puzzles they seem to grow better and better month by month.

And nature and science crowds close on these other departments, filling several pages with attractive pictures and delightful discussion and information of nature's sleeping gardens, the hyacinth eggs, bag-worms, our smallest four-legged animals, and other timely topics.

There is such an array of good things in the March St. Nicholas, aside from the departments, that most girls and boys will settle all questions of picking and choosing by sitting down and reading the magazine through from cover to cover.

"Mother West Stories" of exciting adventures as exciting as a little lass had. Albert Bigelow Paine's "Marjorie's School of Fiction" is readable and helpful; and Ruth Huntington Sessions' "The Unseen Farrot" furnishes the fairy tale without which no magazine for young people is ever quite complete. A. N. Dering's "A Miniature Chieftain" will tell the boys to play Indian again. "Howard Pyle's 'The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood' Made of Straw" will put children to work, and Ruth Huntington Sessions' "The Unseen Farrot" furnishes the fairy tale without which no magazine for young people is ever quite complete. A. N. Dering's "A Miniature Chieftain" will tell the boys to play Indian again. "Howard Pyle's 'The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood' Made of Straw" will put children to work, and Ruth Huntington Sessions' "The Unseen Farrot" furnishes the fairy tale without which no magazine for young people is ever quite complete.

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