

# LITERATURE

## SONNET.

"I'll up and strive," the strong man doth attest,  
To do good work and help life to the end,  
Letting the future my mistakes amend.  
Keeping aswim with buoyant arm and breast,  
Seeing Hope light each black wave's foamy crest;  
Whilst to the weak a tireless hand I lend,  
And aim more joy to give and less offend  
Until the sun sink in his last day's west,  
So shall I die, content: the world shall live!  
Yet if the world live, then I cannot die,  
Life will not break her chain and set me free;  
For I am part of every laugh and sigh,  
And, through mine immost soul, all souls do give  
Their signature of immortality."

—William Struthers in *Alauncer's* for October.

## THE SPIRIT OF CALIFORNIA.

I am Ariel freed of a master:  
I am Puck lacking Oberon's ban;

When the lotus is ripe, bark my Pandean pipe,  
For I'm Peter the goðchild of Pan,

I am Iris, my bruis is a rainbow;

Endymion awakend am I:

In the breast of the tree Hamadryad I be—

With Segnata I tickle the sky!

In the orchard I hang my round beacon—  
Ah, Calypso, less potent thy hate!

And men come to seize and lean strip my trees,

For I'm nectar that sweetens the fruit;

My breath have I blown on the meadow:

When the honey bee, laden, starts home

I follow his tracks, leave my kiss on his way:

The poppy Eve sprinkled with chrome.

I mask me in gold in the wheat-fields.

And I laugh at the reaper's sure tread—

The sheaves are alined, it is me they would bind:

I am soul of the grain, I am bread.

In autumn men seek me in vineyards:

The purple which turns them is mine—

"The capture is nigh; quick, the press!" is their cry:

I am blood of the grape, I am wine.

O I'm secret of life-giving rivers;

I am balm that exhales from Health's cave:

Consumed in each kernel, I live on eternal.

I am Master of Life, I'm Its Slave.

The Pandean pipe I swing free.

And my far-floating tune, in the stillness of noon,

Weaves a spell from the peaks to the sea.

—From *Collier's* for September 18.

## NOTES

It would appear that George Grandes, the Danish writer of literature, is a disappointed man. "I am famous," he recently writes in a letter to the *New-Yorker*. "But no one can buy my books for less than half price. I sell only 40 copies of my books." "Impossible!" exclaimed his interviewer. "They must cheat you." "No, I have many publishers, and they can't all be crooked. Why, the British edition of my memoirs sold 10,000 copies, while my American edition sold 3,000," was firmly said. They haven't even issued the second volume. And I don't ask them, I am poor." "How could you have made your reputation, if the sales of your books are so circumscribed?" "I am sure I don't know. But they are well written—good writing, I suppose." And he said that the pay you famine prices? "When the twentieth century was about to be ushered in, a prosperous German newspaper wrote to me that they had planned to publish a full-page review of the nineteenth century, and that it would be given to a scholar, and that I was their man because I combined in my person the qualities of the three. I don't care to write for newspapers. It detracts from my vitality and distracts me from my real pursuits. But as the chance for an article occurs only once in 10 years, and I am likely to die within another century, I agreed to undertake the task for a remuneration of 500 crowns. They replied respecting that they had written to me, and that in view of my unseasonable demands they would be compelled to eschew the services of literary men." "But surely American magazine pay you well?" "They write to me occasionally for contributions and ask me to name my own price. I don't ask that sort of thing for less than 50 dollars. And they usually send me one-half of what I demand, so that is almost incredible." "I am old. The public is used to my name. They want new people. Younger writers. And I don't blame them." I wonder if Homer Price would have observed with such colorless indifference the rising of new stars on the literary horizon. All the yellow press would have put them on half-pay. "Why?" Brandt continues, and his eyes swept across an immense row of books, reaching from one end of the room to the other, "all the books published in the English language earn for me less than 10 per centum."

William Allen White's "A Certain Rich Man" has been leading the list of best sellers all over the country. One naturally expects that this novel of Kansas would be popular throughout the whole west, but it has not won success in the east, where last week "A Certain Rich Man" was the book most in demand, both in Boston and Philadelphia, probably the only cities in the country the furthest removed from the life of which Mr. White writes.

You can't think what I have been doing this afternoon," said Mrs. Kate Winslet Wigham to an interviewer who was news of her forthcoming play, "Believe Me, Ballybreaky Mountain." "I have been buying large coaches for Belinda's entrance in the street." It is the quadrated most beautiful all possible of the thoroughfare Concord Square that ever was seen! A neighbor of Mr. M. H. Graveras of Westbury has been helping me to scour York County and has been greatly aided by an old stage driver, now who remembers a coach exhibited in the country fairs of 20 years ago. After finding it in an old barn near Trouton's Neck, and after learning that it could be bought, I timidly approached Kiaw a Zwerner, asking a courteous request. I made him see that it was not the least possible for me to have his carriage in his collection for his finished stagecoach of this kind is an inexpensive tribute, really exacted from him. Dear Madam, we are in need of your esteemed favor of the 1st of October and would say that we think the distinction of a stage in the window will do very well for your play. The approach of the coach, and its entrance into the brick-house gate may be easily imitated and Belinda can enter the brick-house gate independently on her own feet." Judge

## BOOKS

Selections from Byron, Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats and Browning. Edited by Charles Townsend Copland, lecturer on English literature in Harvard University, and Henry Miller Dideout American Book Company, New York.

The most recent addition to the *Gutenberg* series of English texts, the general editor of which is Henry Van Dyke, contains 92 selections, all of which are included in the college entrance requirements in English. In connection with the selections from the classics, there are numerous extracts giving a short biography and some account of the author's work and its tendencies. The notes are brief and supply only needed assistance. The poems included are such as every scholar should be familiar with and have repeated, thus making the course helpful to those who are beginning the study of literature. At the same time, they supply the knowledge which the student needs to pass the entrance examination.

Davidson's Human Body and Health-Intermediate, By Alvin Davidson, M. S. A. M. Ph. D., professor of biology in

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## LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



## THE LATE BERNARD SNOW.

This picture shows an actor once well known in Salt Lake theatrical circles, Bernard Snow, who was a member of the Deseret Dramatic association, when it opened the Social Hall in 1882, and also appeared on the Salt Lake theater boards in later years. Mr. Snow died many years ago, but in his time he had played with the elder Booth in California, and in such roles as Othello, Virginius and Damon, which he played to James Ferguson's Pythias, he is said to have shown many of the traits of a fine legitimate actor. He also played Rolla and Pizarro, when T. A. Lyle had the title role, and old timers say that Snow quite held his own with the star.

Lafayette College, American Book company, Cincinnati and Chicago.

The advanced book in this series, already issued, has received the warmest endorsement for its scientific manner in which it reaches the art of healthful, sanitary living and the prevention of disease. The present volume, though more elementary in its treatment, follows the same plan, and while including a sufficient amount of technical information, especially devoted to the subject of personal and public health. It does this in such a way as to appeal to the interest of boys and girls and #x in their minds the essentials of right living. In place of general statements in regard to preventing health, specific facts are given which clearly show how disease is caused and how the body may be kept well and strong. The study of this book will help the pupils to practice intelligently in their daily lives the teachings of hygiene and sanitation, and will improve the health of the individual, and thus that of society.

Dumas, *Le Comte de Monte-Cristo*, Edited by E. Fontaine, B. E. L. D. on the original of French department, High School Course, Textbook for Cloth, 16mo, 298 pages with notes and vocabulary. Price 40 cents. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

In order to avoid the excessive length of Dumas' famous tale, the editor has taken the liberty of compressing the story, reducing the plot to an inevitable conclusion, and omitting the scenes which are of little interest.

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