

AN ILLUSION.

An open periodical I saw as I passed by, And down the list of contents I idly cast my eye; I saw the queerest title,-whatever could it mean? "The Literary Spirit in the Modern Magazine!"

I looked again, and gazed at it in atter blank surprise. Though I had read the words aright, I scarce believe my eyes! For surely readers will agree no one has ever seen The Literary Spirit in the Modern Magazine,

Of terms a contradiction! Of thoughts a paradex! Experience it stultifies, at common sense it mocks. As well say two and two make five, or that the, sky is green, As the Literary Spirit to the Modern Magazine!

I love the periodicals, I read them every time: I love a lightweight story, or a bit of senseless rhyme, But I never have discovered-although my eyes are keen .-The Literary Spirit, in the Modern Magazine.

Perhaps there is a fountain that will give Immortal Youth: Perpetual motion may be found; in wells there may be truth, But credulity has limits; they must tell to some marine Of "The Literary Spirit in the Modern Magazine!" -By Carolyn Wells in the March Bookman.

New York. It sooms that of the 48

the caseons for their choice of be ke, and some of the comments were most interesting. Boys as a rule scorn guls' books, but most or Misa Alcott's works were tend by the boys, and would indubtedly stand at the head of any list.

The quotations show one or two rea-

"In "Little Women" the characters

Mrs. Mand Howe Ellott, author of

which she would write about later.

2-"Peter," Smith, (Scribner.) 3-"Septimus," Locke, (Lane.) 4-"Lewis Rand," Johnston, (I

Men(i.)

According to the March Bookman, six

just discovered consists of 600 pages and deals with events from 151s to 1521. Stumpf was a prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He atterward became the friend of Zwingh. If we did not remember the remarkable fold of the institutes of Galas in the charter house at Verona by Neibuhr, the charter house at Verona by Neibuhr, the claim historian, in 1818, it would seem incredible that the MS, which has just come to light should have reposed forgotten and unknown to historiate for nearly five renturies in a library so well known as that of Zurich.

BOOKS

Dickinson and Ros's Nineteenth Cen-

and class room discussion. There is

sell known as that of Zurich.

NOTES

where to Look" is a little volume shed by Sir Isaac Pitman's Sons is intended as an easy guide to a of reference. The circumstrought them a letter which he humorous if it were not soly sad. It reads thus:

ase send me the new reference just issued the title Where to has my husband is missing I to fine his wereabouts. From

Mr. Algernon Charles Swinburne, hose latest work, "The Age of skespeare," has just been published, a a great dislike to being interviewand he will go to almost anyigh to avoid being conered by a alleman of the press. Some time o, however, an enterprising journal-determined to obtain some "copy" an him at all costs, and waited on midicidon Common at a spot where knew the poet would pass on his ity walk. Presently Mr. Swinburne de his appearance and the exuitant ily walk. Presently Mr. Swinburne and his appearance and the exultant the approached him in his most squasive manner. For a moment Mr. Industrie was two dismayed to anser, and feeling that at his age flight is impossible he was nonpulseed how act. Suddenly an idea occurred to mand he said: "My friend. I see your fips that you are talking, but I am stone deaf I cannot hear at you say. I will therefore wish a good morning." The little ruse is entirely successful, and with a appointed look the crestfailen inviewer departed to think out anser article.

A rather famous passage in Thucy-dides contains a remark to the effect that the woman who is least talked about is the woman who is in the highest repute. But Thucydides lived a very long time ago. A classical friend of curs has expressed the dif-ference between ancient and modern times in the following rather neat verses:

The wise and god-like Pericles, As quoted by Thueydides, Gave atterance to thoughts like

That woman is of hest renown of whom there's least talk in the

Whether we praise or run her down."

"I never shall agree to that!" says Mrs. Carrie Chapman Cait.

According to the report of the leading bookseller of Paris, two of the best selling illustrated books in that city at the present time are "Paris the Beautitui," by Lillian Whiting and "Sun and Shadow in Spain," by Maud Howe, both of which are published in this country by Little. Brown & Company, Boston, English editions of each of these will shortly be brought out by London publishers.

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To you remember "Brien's Babies" and "Mrs. Wigger" Do you reall "True Sawyor" and "Huckleberty Fine" "Miss Miberva and William Green Hill," by Francia flow Caboun, is every bit as sentime as any of these. It contains a designment little love story, but desir principally with William Green Hill, a six-year-aid boy with sunny hair, a cherola face, and a vanderful dialect acquired from the plantation negroom among whom he formerly

derful dislect accurred from the plantation negross aroung whom he formerly
tived. In the narration of the a tivities
of Billy and his associates. Jimmy,
Frances and Lina, the author shows
an infinuite knowledge of the workings
of the luvenile offine and makes the
pages sparkle with laughs.

From start to finish there is no letup in the fun and the publishers predict
that the reading public will soon be
in a whist of laughter over "Sanctified
Sophy." "Truck Jimmy Jawed Jupter,"
"Autor Blue-Gum Tempy's Peruny
Peacline's chillens," and the other
quaint characters of this fascinating
book. Their hearts will go out to by
able little Billy, and they will be convulsed by the quaint speeches of bad
Jimmy, who says to his chum. "You
all time gotter get little boys is trouble.
You bout the smart-Alexist jack-rabbit they is." The Reilly & Britton Co.,
Chicago. New York. It seems that of the 48 books most popular among the children in 11,000 elementary class rooms, Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" stands at the head, and Hawthorne's "Wonder Books in the foot. In the first 25 books on the list are five of Miss Alcott's works, including "The Old-Fashioned Girl" and "Little Men." "Robinson Crusce" is the sixth, and "Alice in Wonderland" is the 11th.

MAGAZINES

The People's Magazine for April contains the first half of a strong tale of action entitled "An Enterprise of Empire," by Doctor William Bayard Hale, whose famous interview with Emperor William was suppressed by the doctor himself, for grave reasons of state at the request of the German

th Little Women the characters seem so real that we would hardly be surprised to see them step out of the book and shake hands like old friends." "Little Men" is one of the stories that makes one wish they would never of silver. And there far back a mountain began to shimmer like pure gold, its atmost ton het with stariet. And then there was a sudden shift of light and the vastness of the land was visible-range beyond range, valley above valley. On one high-lying plain the clouds builded a city, and the glory of heaven gathered there on done and pinnacle and lofty wall, crimson-hung and purple-pennoned, and crowded with warriors tossing brazen transpers and shouting the praise of food, while like they violet dots of clouds that swept curving down toward the blazing gates, was a line of angels floating home." step."
"Eitle Women' is very simple and not in the least sentimental. This is one reason why I like it so well."

Mrs. Mand Howe Ellott, author of "Sun and Shadow in Span," writes to her publishers, Little, Brown & Co-from Rome, where she is spending the winter, that she is a member of the American Relief committe in that sity for the help of the carthquake sufferers in Sicily, and that Mr. Ellott went down to the island on the ship Bayern, sent by the same committee, where he did good service, and obtained some splendid photographs. On his return to Rome, Mr. Ellott was visited by the king and queen of Italy, who went to his studio to view his painting 'The Dinna of the Tides," which is to be sent to the National museum in Washington, and to examine the photographs. Mrs. Ellott writes that the scenes, though terrible, were wonderful and awe-inspiring, and that she had heard of countiess thrilling experiences which she would write about later. Gunter's far April contains a complete movel by Clinton Dangerfield, the well known southern writer, that has as its background the nightriding operations in Kentucky. The story is called "Castleton or Kentucky." Besides being a thrilling romancs, full of stirring situations and climaxes of action, the novel is a faithful picture of Kentucky life in general and the night riders in particular. The writer has lived among the scenes depicted and has studied conditions at first hand. John Bryce Berkley, a rich and capable young New Yorker, is injured in a railroad dreck near a small Kentucky town, and is nursed to recovery in the home of Mrs. Castleton and her son, Crosby Castleton, an Impulsive and proud Kentuckian. Berkeley falls in love with a charming girl who lives with the Castletons, arouses the enmity of young Castleton, is mistaken for an agent of the Tobacco Trust, and finds hinself the storm center of turbulent According to the March Bookman, six books which have sold the best in the order of demand during the month are:

1—"The Trail of the Lonesome Plac,"
Fox, (Scribner.) top, Mifflin.)
5-"The Missioner," Oppenheim, (Litplication succeeds complication, and the render's interest is held to the very end, a satisfactorily happy one, of course. Besides this strong com-plete novel Gunter's contains instal-ments of two serials. tue, Brown.) 6- The Red Mouse, Osborne, (Dodd, Mesers. Little Brown & Co. have gone Messrs. Little Brown & Co. have gone to press with a new edition of Hoilis Godfrey's 'The Man Who Ended War' for England. Three London publishers desired the English rights, Ward. Lock & Co. being the successful ones. Mr. Godfrey's vivid description of the encounter between the English and German navy in the English channel will make a strong appeal to the English people, already keenly alive to the possibilities of such an occurrence.

Mesers, Little Brown & Co have gone to be seed that a new edition of Holis delivers, but the city at the present time are "Parts time Beautiful," by Lillian Whitting and "Sun and Shadow in Spain," by Mand Howe, both of which are published in this country by Little. Brown & Company, Boston, English editions of each of these will shortly be brought out by London publishers.

Who is the greatest fiving English novelist? Miss Joannets Gilder, who probably knows the writings of present-day authors as well as any living critic, asks the question in the Chicago Tribune, and answers it in straightforward fishion, with reasons for how faith. It is all apropose of the publication of a Three Brown of the method ask me who I thought was the greatest of living English novelists of living English in which is the series of the publication of a Three Brown of the publication of a first survives in the popular method ask me who I thought was the greatest of living English novelists of should say Thomas Hardy. Who next: Each Philipotts with the latest story. The Brown of the publication of the pub

and Destiny," "The Treasure of the Humble," and other works have resently been brought out in a chean form, and are seiling well. Mactorinck's view that "it is natural and easy to be miscrable, but it is every-hody's duty to strive against this, and he haven," strikes a nevel chord in Engined, where tife is taken with great seriousness, and where the duty great seriousness, and where the duty of happiness is almost as unknown a quantity as the happiness of duty.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK, POSTMASTER GENERAL.

the individual who headed the Republicans in the last national campaign and

who also handled Mr. Toft's run for the nomination as the Republican standard-bearer: Mr. Hitchcock is consequently one of the best known men in the United States. He will enter on his duties as well prepared as possible, since

he held the position of first assistant pastmaster general under Roosevelt, only

resigning to conduct the Taft compaigns. He was born in Amberst, O., on

October 5, 1867, and is therefore unusually young for so prominent a national

figure. He received his early education in Boston and then graduated from

the Columbia University of Law and began practise in Weshington before the

United States Supreme court. He entered the government service in 1891. He

is fond of athletics and of science, and has written a number of interesting papers on varied subjects. He is a member of the Union League club of New York, and his specialties are foreign trude and the tariff duties.

ther of "Garrison's Finish," and "Zol-enstein," contributes to the number of thrilling love stories, "Concerning a Carmen," and Mrs. Van Vorst writes Day.

London Literary Letter

Starving in English Village

Grandson of Robert Southey

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, March 10.-Literary

England has been somewhat

shocked recently by a remarkably pathetic story, revealed in a country police court, concerning the grandson of the one-time post laur-

eate, Robert Southey, At a little

place called Shap, in Westmorelandthe beautiful lake country celebrated

by Wordsworth and other writers-

Charles Southey was brought up, the other day, on a charge of begging. On enquiry, it turned out that this

beggar was the actual grandson of the poet. Like his grandfather, this beg-

Frank H. Hitchcock, who will not as Mr. Taft's first postmaster general, is

QUALIFICATIONS OF HEROINES. Just what qualities the "modern her-oine" of flotten possesses at Jenst, so far us novelists delineate her-in a curious subject of investigation by an longlish critic. Arise going through a whole list of prominent authors, pick beggar was the actual grandson of the poet. Like his grandfather, this heggar had "taken to literature," but he had fallen on evil days. He was once in possession of a comfortable home, but his wife left him, and then he went on the down grade which the classic poets describe as descending so easily. Finally, he stole \$2.50 and went to prison. On coming out of fall, he again followed literature, but none of his compositions was accepted, and the only let left for him was begging. It seems truly to be another once of an avenging Nemesis. It will be remembered that the "great" Southey was considerable of a prig. and would have been horrified to think that any of his descendants could have reached the state attained by his grandson. Southey, the poet laureate, had a contempt and harved for Shellev and Byron, regarding both as very "wicked men." It is a curious revenge brought by the whirligg of time that Shellev should have a fine monument at Oxford and he very much "alive" in the minds of the present generation, while Southey should appear to be almost forgotten and his grandson should be starving. A writer in the Times suggests that a public subscription ought to be raised to receue the descendant of the poet laurente from his terrible position.

ZANGWILL'S STORY,

Leriel Zangwill has recently been giving his views ou the difference between English and American literature are made and more report. Publishers are made averything belonging to their convictions, and of course, yachts, made and averything belonging to their convictions, and of course, yachts, auctualities, and of

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