The want of some standard hand-book on the art of gardening has long been felt by amateurs. As long as the rotation of crops and the seasons of planting were considered mysteries of the profession, it was simply impossible to rid oneself of the tyranny of the all-wise gardener. The work before us is a step in the direction of familiarizing the cottager and small land-owner with all the technicalities of cultivation. It comprises among the plants treated of every form of garden vegetable. We have searched the index. and can find every class faithfully provided for, By adopting the classification of Linnieus, the whole is reduced to so admirable a system that any desired production can be at once discovered. The directions given for each plant are concise, yet full and explicit. In fact, in its way the book is a model for all who desire to possess a garden unencumbered with an arrogant "horticulturist,"

There yet remains for us the pleasant task of speaking of the typographical execution of the work. It is printed with a beauty and clearness which must commend it to all. It is filled with explanatory illustrations, every page containing two or three, while it is bound with a taste, and in so enduring a form, as to recommend Messrs. Tilton as adepts in the art of publication. We cannot but do this house the justice to say that their works are all not only standard in their literary character, but are uniformly issued with a beauty not surpassed by any of the other great publishers of either England or America.

CULTURE OF THE GRAPE. By W. C. Strong. Boston. J. E. Tilton & Co.

As the work of gardening is of a nature to be popular among all classes, especially the smaller landholders, the book of Mr. Strong is eminently fitted to be a welcome addition to the library of the wealthiest of our land. The work treats of the grape in all its varied forms, both as an exotic and an indigenous production of the soil. A graphic and interesting history of its cultivation precedes the work, and in each successive stage of the book the idea of giving a tull and comprehensive description is fully carried out. When we remember the vast number of our citizens who have recently turned their attention to this form of cultivation, and the immense increase of the capital invested in grape-growing within the last decade, we cannot but deem the work of Mr. Strong most opportune. The field has never been covered before with anything like an exhaustive treatise, and as it is now so ably supplied, we need have no other until the science of grape cultivation advances many steps. We can, therefore, heartily recommend it as a most valuable and extremely readable work.

We are very proud of its execution. Its titlepage is a miracle of taste and fine engraving, while all of its illustrations are executed with a delicacy which we have never seen excelled. The typography and binding are all that the most critical connoisseur could desire. Percect in appearance and excellent in contents, we desire nothing more.

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY, By Rev. Charles Hole, B. A. (Trinity College). With Additions and Corrections. By William A. Wheeler, M. A. New York: Hurd & Hough-ton. Agents: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The task of preparing a universal biographical dictionary is one of the most difficult which a literary man can undertake. If he elaborates the details of the lives of each noted person, he may spread his work to such a size as to conceal the defect of omission, but when he merely decides to give the years of the birth and of the death of all well known persons of all ages, the danger of every idler being able to recall some name which has been found unnoticed is great. There is nothing more easy in such a case than to find fault, and nothing more difficult than to make even an approximately complete work. As a general rule only a particular division of historical characters are undertaken, but Mr. Hole went to work to fulfil the task of covering the whole ground, and he has succeeded far beyond the most sanguine expectations. He built up a vast compendium of general knowledge, covering some four hundred closely printed pages and comprising over twenty thousand names. Such was the work as it came from the British

author. It is a disagreeable task for an American reviewer to decide in favor of a foreigner and in opposition to his countryman. Yet we must confess that a more unjust introduction than was signed by Mr. W. A. Wheeler cannot be conceived. While in general terms he talks about the "great industry, research, and general accuracy" of the original author, yet he at once plunges into my improvements, corrections, and additions. He states that he added one hundred American names, and mentions a dozen in alphabetical order. He states that he added some European names, "omitted" and gives us ten, all of which could have been omitted and not missed. "In not a tew instances I have been able to supply missing dates; while of dates erroneously given, or marked as doubtful, I have corrected or verified a still larger number." It will thus be seen that Mr. Wheeler calls the reader's attention to the defects, slights all the merits, and takes as much honor to himself as possible. When it is remembered that Mr. Hole compiled twenty thousand names, into what insignificance does Mr. Wheeler's hundred additional sink! Or all the dates tilled up and corrected, we have no testimony except Mr. Wheeler's own words, as he gives us no means of distinguishing the original from the revised. Under the circumstances, we cannot but accuse the American editor of arrogating to himself undue credit, and detracting unjustly from the hard-carned honor | merit. of Mr. Hole. To the latter gentleman belongs by far the greater part, if not all the credit or the work. We will not sound Mr. Wheeler's praises; he has done so too freely bluself.

We must give to Mr. Hole the praise for furnishing us with as valuable a work as has fallen under our nonce, when we remember its size. A small volume, almost what may be termed pocket-size, it is a perfect epitome of learning. It should be constantly on hand, as it will be ever useful, and may be needed at any moment. It is plainly and substantially bound by Hurd & Houghton, and for sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co., of our city.

BEYMINSTRE. A Novel. New York: Carleton. A pleasantly told tale, of no particular merit,

order into which Mr. Carleton's publications | Dr. W. E. Woodward's series; and he is now enhave lately drifted. It is a story laid in England, and ends happily. The interest frequently flags in the course of the story, yet, as a novel, t will repay the attention of the reader. Ashmend & Evans have it for sale.

CILERRY REGOW (Harper & Brothers), is the best of the paper-bound novels which have lately come from that house. It is spirited and natural, and devoid of the sickly sentimentalism now so common. J. P. Lippincott & Co. is the agent.

-G. W. Pitcher, No. 806 Chesnut street, sends us a copy of "Love's Conflict," by the daughter of Martin F. Tupper. It is a slomestic tale, and seems to abound in a series of conflicts, extremely rigorous, if not so bloody as those of Xerxes. After a series of heroic exertions, the heroine reaches peace at last.

-J. P. Skelly & Co., 732 Chesnut street, have ssued two delightful little children's works, 'Dan Bolton's Cottage" and "The Little Doorkeeper." They are just the kind to be useful and entertaining to the little folks. Messrs. Skelly & Co. are industriously laying before the public a valuable child's library, every work of which is unexceptionable.

-T. B. Peterson & Brothers, have laid before us 'Mad Monkton and other Tales," which, like everything Mr. Wilkie Collins writes, will well repay perusal. It is a delightfully interesting work.

-Mr. Bayard Taylor is complimented by the Speciator on his "Story of Kennett."

-Dr. W. A. Hammond has returned from his foreign tour.

-General Jubal Early is understood to be writing a history of his campaigns. -Miss Elizabeth Warner, the writer of "The Wide, Wide World," has lately written a juve-

Its title is "The Taree Little Spades." -Messrs, Roberts Brothers announce the third edition of "Ecce Homo," which, by the way, is in its seventh edition in England.

nile story, which will appear in Harper's Weekly,

-M. Renan is about to publish a new edition of his "Vie de Jesus," with considerable alterations and an appendix, in which he states in detail his reasons for regarding the Gospel of John as genuine and authentic, contrary to the opinions of most rationalists.

-Professor Tischengorf, the biblical critic and discoverer of the "Codex Sinaitieus," has received from the Emperor of Austria the cross of the order of Francis Joseph.

-Mr. Dion Bouciesult is calling on the Engish Government to make alterations in the copyright convention with France, so as to protect French dramatic writers against the piracy of their works in England, a proceeding very much like the ery of "stop thief!" from the ight fingered gentry themselves.

-Dr. J. G. Holland has sold his interest in the Springfield Republican to Mr. William M. Pome. roy, one of its editors, and proposes to travel in Europe at some future period. Mr. Pomeroy graduated at Amherst in 1861, and is an able and accomplished journalist.

-Mr. Theodore Tilton has been guilty of modesty. Read the following note, addressed by him to the editor of the Phrenological Journal, and judge:-

"MR. S. R. Wells,-My Dear Sir:-In] answer to your request for my biography, I have only to say that I was born in New York city, October 2, 1835; that I have as yet done nothing worth mentioning; and that I cannot tell when I shall die. This is the whole story.

"Yours truly "Theorems Till you" THEODORE TILTON." "Yours, truly,

Our Historians.

A New York literary journal endeavors to give us an idea of what the historical writers of our country are doing. It certainly lays before us a long list from which we select the few who have attained reputation:-

-Mr. Bancroft is diligently engaged on the ninth volume of his "History of the United Statess" but there is very little prospect of its early publication. The important events which crowded the period extending from the Declara-tion of Independence until the French treaty, form the subjects of the volume.

-Mr. Pierre M. Irving, the respected nephew of the biographer of Washington, is engaged in preparing for the press a collection of the in-edited works of his distinguished uncle, including his pieces in "The Analectic Magazine," of which, for a time, he was the editor. The collection will probably extend to two or three octavo volumes.

-Mr. Benson J. Lossing, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is traversing the Southern States for the purpose of collecting materials, pictorial and literary, for his torthcoming "Field-Book of the Rebellion," the first volume of which is passing through the press of Mr. Alvord, of New York, We bave heard nothing lately of his "Field-Book of the War of 1812," which, it was understood, was completed more than a year since for Messrs. Harper & Brother.

-Mr. Frank Moore, of New York, seems to be as actively engaged as of old on his "Recoellion Record"—that ponderous repository of documents relating to the late war of secession. He is also engaged, we believe, in the preparation for the press of some other volumes on the same subject, but of a more popular character, for one of the great publishing houses in Hartford.

-Hon. Richard Frothingham, of Charlestown, Mass., is said to be engaged on his longsuspended history of that town. We suspect, however, that he is preparing for the press that series of lectures on the nationality of the United States which he recently delivered before the Lowell Institute, of Boston. He is said also, to be arranging for the issue of a large-paper edition of his "Life and Times of General Warren," as well as one of his "Siege of Boston,"

-Mr. Herace Greeley is sparing as much time as possible from the Tribune for the completion of his work on the late war. His working-room is in the Bible House, New York, in the midst of the great libraries, and he appears to be devoting several hours daily to this undertaking. -Professor George W. Greene, of East Greenwich, R. I., is employed on a biography of his grandfather, General Nathaniel Greene, of the

army of the Revolution. It will probably occupy two volumes octavo, -Mr. William Swinton, of Brooklyn, New York, the historian of "The Army of the Potomac." is about to commence a work on 'The Twelve Principal Battles of the War," and we have a right to expect a volume of great

-Mr. Henry T. Tuckerman, of New York, having succeeded in finding two enterprising publishers for his last two volumes, has been encouraged to renew his labors on the literary remains of the late Doctor John W.

-Hon. Charles W. Uoham, of Salem, Massachusetts, continues his labors on a most elaborate and complete history of witchcraft, with particular reference to the well-known excitement at Salem.

-Mr. Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisania, N. Y., since his withdrawal from the Gazette, has been engaged, as far as his continued poor health has permitted, in drawing to a close several small works which had lingered in the press, and in preparing for the immediate reissue of his "Bat-tles of the United States," in the most sumptuous style of modern typography.

-The venerable Samuel G. Drake, of Boston, has just completed new editions of Calef's and except that it does not partake of the sensational | Mather's works on the Salem witch delusion, for

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for the same gentleman. Mr. Drake Las beer so long and so favorably known to students o American history, that we need say nothing of the probable merits of these works,

-Hon, William B. Reed, of this city, has no been heard from as a historical writer for seve ral years; but we have the best reason for lieving that before many months shall have passed he will have reoccupied his former field of labor, and that one, at least, of the writers of "history," so called, it not one of the most distinguished of the lew who are truly ranked as historiens will feel the weight of his sledge. as historians, will feel the weight of his sledge

-The venerable Thomas Ewbank is suffering somewhat from the infirmities of advancing years. He occasionally relieves the monotony of his life by writing a short article for the American Artisan, and he now and then favors the Ethnological and Historical societies with a more elaborate production.

-The correspondent of the New York Round Table, writing from London, says:-

"On Wednesday evening last I had the pleasure of attending the seventy-seventh anniversary dinner of the Literary Fund. It was a very interesting occasion. Lord Houghton, who has been a hardworking officer in the society for twenty-five years, presided. He made a good speech. In alluding to Theodore Hook's witticism-You are quite right in calling us the republic of letters, for we haven't a sovereign amongst us'-he said that literary occupations must, like others, he regulated by supply and demand. What this society wanted to do was to provide for the necessities of men of letters, without in any degree influencing people to become men of letters. It seemed to him, he said, that the profession of letters was essentially a thing which belonged to a peculiar state of society, to that condition of society in which Literature was nascent, and in which the literary man was naturally looked up to as something peculiar. He owned that he preferred to regard the profession of literary men as leading to a time when literature would come within the classification of no particular prefession, but would be distributed as freely and widely as conversation. He made some important allusions to the literary activity of England to-day, and the con tinual outpouring of articles any one of which might have produced a sensation, and some of them a reputation, nity years ago. Lord Hough ton, who perhaps is more venerated among us in America as Richard Moneston Milnes, is a good, straightforward speaker, and has the merit of never talking nonsense.

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TO THE SOLDIERS OF PENNSYL

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Habersburg, May 1. 1836.

In obedience to authority vessed in me by a resolution adopted by the Convention of Soldiers, he d in this city on the eighth day of March 1868. If do hereby request the honorably discharged soldiers of Pennsylvania to meet in their respective Legislative Districts and ciect i elegislates, not exceeding five in number to represent their district in a Soldiers' Cenvention, to be held in the city of Pintsburg, on TUESDAY, the fifth of June next, at 19 o'click A. M.

Where any Representative district comprises more than one county, the manuer of electing the delegates is respectably referred to the soldiers of the district for such conference as will result in a fair representation of each county.

such conference as whi result in a last repetitivens who have borne arms in defense of the nation as aimst treason have especial interest in the purposes of this Convention and it is desirable that as Jul a representation or the brave delenders of the country as possible should be secured on this occasion.

Late Brevet Major-General U S A.

Papers favorable to the cause will please publish the above.

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Subscriptions will be received at the Rooms of the Cora Exchange Association, for the balance of the capi al stock, daily, from 11 A. M. to 12 M. (Signed) SAMULL L. WARD, Treasurer, Philadelphia, May 11, 1866 5 H Im

GREAT TEMPERANCE MEETING.—
The PHILADELPHIA TEMPERANCE SOCLETY-auxi lary to the National Temperance Society—
will hold is first public meeting in the SECOND REFORMED DUCTH CHURCH. SEVENTH Street,
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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDIRS. — The Board of Directors have this day decisred a semi annual dividend of FIVE FER CEN", on the capital stock of the Company, clea of National and state taxes, payable on any after May 30, 1868.

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Treasurer.

NOTICE,—ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the PETROLEUM STORAGE COMPANY OF Philade phia, will be be dat Office of the Company, No 327 WALNUT street (up stairs), on MONDAX, the 4th day of June, 1886 at O'clock A. M., for the election of FIVE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year.

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OFFICE OF THE WAREHOUSING COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. MAY 29, 1865 The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Company's Office DO K Street, on MONDAY June 4, between the hours of 12 and 2 a'c ock F. M. or the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing

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By order of the Board of Health. HORATIO G. SICKEL.

DIVIDEND-THE DIRECTORS OF THE McElheny Oil Company have this day declar d a dividend of TWO PER CENT, on the capital stock (\$40.600), clear of State Tax, payable on and after 2 ist first, at the office of the Company, No. 218 Walmut street. Transfer books will reopen on the 23c instant CHARLES H. REEVES.

DINING-ROOM.—F. LAKEMEYER, CARTER'S Aley, would respectfully inform the Public generally that he has left nothing undone to make this place comfortable in every respect for the accommodation of guests. He has opened a large and commodition of mine-Boom in the second a dry His SIDE-BOARD is unmished with ERANDIES. WINEY, Etc., Etc., of SUPERIOR BRANDS. 11

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