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A RUN THROUGH OUR PHILADEL-PHIA BOOK STORES.

As every one gives or expects a gift of some kind when the Christmas season comes round, the ingenuity of every donor is taxed to the utmost to determine what will be most acceptable to the donee. As a general rule, after consdering pro and con all the articles which suggest themselves, the selector of a present falls behind the bulwarks of assumed literary taste, and avoids committing himself by sending-a book. Now in this selection there is a sound stroke of policy. In the first place, almost every one welcomes a good book as a most acceptable addition, and really is more pleased with it than he would have been with any of the other articles exposed for sale; and, in the second place, however much dissatisfied he may be, a sense of his own reputation as a litterateur prevents him exposing, even to his nearest friend, a disappointment. A consideration of these two advantages may account for the universal demand for books as presents. But whatever the cause, the fact remains, that an immense number of our citizens give and receive books during the holiday season.

When the donor decides to give a book, it must not be thought that his difficulties are all over; they have but begun. We will not venture to express an opinion as to the number of volumes presented for his choice. "Of the making of books there is no end." Fiction for the young, poetry for the romantic. history and philosophy for the grave, classics for the student, and so on through the thousand minor departments of the literature of our country-a world in itselfwith principalities and powers as distinct and as potent as those of the outer physica universe. Now, in order to save our readers the trouble of a making a tour of all the various book stores with which our city abounds, and seeking among all the various publishers what can only be secured from one of them, we have gone over the goods for the public, and will give, in a running artiele, our experience of where the particular wants of the searchers for presents can best be supplied. The field is a wide one. The stores abound with every variety of literature, from "Macaulay" to "Mother Goose;" and side by side will be found "Plutarch" and the "Learned Pig." Out of this motley throng the reader must cull the one which pleases him best; and that all tastes can be satisfied we feel assured, from the quantity and variety of the literature exposed for sale.

The grand emporium for all foreign works, whether they be issued in our sister cities or imported from abroad, is the establishment of J. B. Lippincott & Co., Nos. 715 and 717 Market street. By years of careful enterprise, they have won for themselves a reputation as publishers only of standard works of real merit, so that to-day for a book to bear the imprint of this house is a sufficient guarantee that it will repay perusal. They have thousands of works, every one of which would make a most acceptable present. The edition of "Waverly Novels," as issued by them, is noted for the extreme beauty of its typography and the unique and chaste binding. But it would be useless to enumerate all of the long lines of shelves, which we can only count by the squares of books. Every variety is found within this colossal establishment. The special work issued by this house in commemoration of this season is " Touches of Nature"-one hundred drawings executed by our most accomplished artists, and en. graved in a manner which would do credit to any publisher in the world. They are of all devices, and were executed under the especial supervision of the Dalziel Brothers of London. To this vrey valuable work is added selections from our best authors. The whole is set in golden borders, in the highest style of art. No house can surpass Lippincott's in these testimonials to the season. We recommend to all who desire to make a selection a visit to the marble palace on Market street. The firm of T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 206 Chesnut street, for many years have been issuing from time to time, and frequently as often as once a week, some new work from their ever-teeming presses. The consequence is that they have a vast supply of works of their own. Early in the fame of the immortal Dickens, they selected his works as a specialty, and commenced their publication in various uniform editions, suited for the length of every purse. They have now no less than twenty editions of the great novelist, comprising all the plain and substantial bindings in cloth to the rich antique halfcalf, with full gilt edges and backs. We can imagine no more appropriate and welcome gift than a full set of these works. While, however, the works of Dickens are the specialty of the Petersons, yet the other authors are not neglected. Lever, Collins, Marryatt. Dumas, Mrs. Henry Wood, Scott, Lippard Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Southworth, Caroline Lee Hentz, in fact, all our native authors, are found upon their shelves. They also have a choice selection of children's books, illustrated and printed in a style which must delight the young; while a well-chosen collection of all the works of the other publishers in our land, makes this emporium one in which almost every want can be supplied. Duffield Ashmend, No. 724 Chesnut street, has a large collection of children's illustrated books, published by himself. Among them we recognize the inimitable story by Bulwer, of "Reynard the Fox," with Illustrations of the utmost beauty and taste. A number of works of a similar kind, which have been published in the city, are also spread out, to suit the taste of any one who is seeking to select a suitable gift for a child. But not

of mankind are also cared for, and Albums, Bibles, and Prayer Boeks, with every kind of literary wealth, abound on every hand. This year by the Messrs. Appleton, but there are handsome store is well worth a visit; but we need barely refer to it, for all our readers know it already.

A large collection of picture frames, in addition to a number of superior pictures and can be made to any one who has a general assortment of books, are to be found at G. W. Pitcher's, No. 808 Chesnut street. All of our readers who desire pictures or frames, neat yet cheap, will do well to call and examine the numberless designs which line the walls of his store. The crowds which frequent it hourly attest its popularity.

James S. Claxton, at his new store, No. 1214 Chestnut street, has published a number of juvenile works, which commend themselves to all who wish to make gifts to the little ones. He also has a choice supply of Prayer Books, Bibles, and Testaments, and a very able work on the "Church and the World," which we can speak most highly of for ability and sound reasoning. His store, located on our principal thoroughfare, is well worth a visit, for there are few tastes which cannot be satisfied from among the ample supply of works which fill his shelves.

At No. 512 Arch street, J. A. Bancroft & Co, have a number of admirably selected works, not only from abroad, but also several choice publications of their own. The "Spirit of Praise" is a choice religious work of great merit, while the "Gem of the Poets" will make to all lovers of selected poetry a most welcome present. The same house also announces "Songs of Praise," a work replete with harmony and high Christian aspirations. A fine assortment of juveniles, and a number of standard educational works, are also on hand. The religious community will find an excellent collection of gift books upon their shelves, as well as all who desire standard school books for instruction.

Davis, Porter & Co., No. 27 South Sixth street, have an excellent supply of all works which the holidays usually call for. They have made a specialty of Dore's "Don Quixote," a work ever acceptable, and of which no respectable edition has of late years been issued. As illustrated by Gustave Dore, and handsomely printed, the work is of the utmost value, and will, we hope, create once more a taste for the writings of Cervantes, which is so natural to all who have read his works. Histories, stories, novels, adventures, albums, and children's books fill their store, and the purchaser will find all his wants supplied within their establishment.

J. K. Simons, No. 33 S. Sixth street, is the agent of the great house of Appleton in our city. Upon his shelves will be found that most valuable of any modern work, the "American Encyclopædia"-that epitome of all knowledge-well digested and carefully arranged-a work needed in every library, shop, office-every place where a well-read man is wont to frequent. It is of daily service, and cannot be excelled for value, and is a sensible, useful, and elegant gift for the holiday season. In addition to this work, all the other publications of Appleton are on hand, and can be secured at the prices for which they are sold by the house itself. T. Elwood Zell, No. 23 South Sixth street has issued, within a short time, Mackenzie's "10,000 Receipts," which for general knowledge, such as is daily needed in every department of business, is of great value. He has also on hand a valuable supply of school books and standard works of all kinds. A number of well-selected children's and holiday books grace his shelves, and, together with his own publications and those his discrimination points out from others, he has a variety at once choice and acceptable. J. W. Daughaday & Co., No. 1308 Chesnut street, send us the January number of their excellent little work, "The School Day Visitor." It is filled with pleasant, rational reading, and, without filling the child's mind with worthless facts, or wearying it with pedantic essays, it is calculated to instruct and amuse. The same house has a valuable supply of all the books of the season.

of this extensive establishment. No strictly American works have been brought out this several new editions of their former publications which deserve prominent mention. The "New American Cyclopædia" is one of of any bookseller. "Macaulay's Essays," bearthe most valuable and useful gifts which a library, and the "Annual Cyclopædia" should be named in connection with it. The new edition of Daua's "Household Book of Poetry," with the additions from recent authors, easily holds its place as the most complete collection of the kind extant, and as a companion volume to it we have a new edition of "Christian Ballads," by Bishop Coxe. Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke's "Shakespeare" still holds its acknowledged position as one of the very best editions of the works of the great bard. That solace for hen-pecked husbands, "Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures," of which a very handsome edition has just been issued, and a delightful book for the juveniles, "Alice's Adventures in Wonder-Land," illustrated by Tenniel, should not be overlooked amid the more ambitious volumes of which the few we have named are but representatives.

The presses of Harper & Brothers (Franklin Square) have been at work as busily as ever during the year, and every one should possess himself of a catalogue of their publications before commencing his purchases. Among their standard publications may be named Motley's "Dutch Kepublic and United Netherlands;" the works of George William Curtis; and among books of travel, Doolittle's "China," Hall's "Arctic Researches," a new and elegant edition of which has just been published; Livingstone's "Zambesi;" Thompson's "Land and the Book;" Vambery's "Central Asia," etc. Napoleon's "Life of Cæsar" should not be forgotten, and the "Pictorial History of the Rebellion," compiled by Dr. Guernsey and Mr. Alden, which is truly valuable as a careful, accurate, succinct, and impartial record of the events of the war, would prove an acceptable gift to many. No more instructive or entertaining work can be put into the hands of the young than Wood's "Homes Without Hands," and the temporary happiness of every child who may receive Laboulaye's delightful "Fairy Book" will be assured. Among the standard publications, again, are "Poets of the Nineteenth Century" and "Goldsmith's Poetical Works." Coleridge, too, will be found to contain as much learning and wisdom as ever; and the admirers of Carlyle will undoubtedly gladly receive as a gift his "History of Frederick the Great." Whoever wishes to live in the memory of a friend until another holiday season comes, need only present him with a year's subscription to those unfailing sources of entertainment and instruction, Harper's Monthly and Harper's Weekly.

large supply of Dore's "Milton," which will books may be found there-tor instance, Halundoubtedly be received as one of the most | lam's complete works; "Burton's Anatomy of acceptable of the productions of this remarkable artist, by many who desire to include in their collections at least one of the works illustrated by his pencil. The same firm also has all of Dore's works, and it was hoped that Tennyson's "Elaine," with his illustrations, would be received in time for the holidays. but it has not yet come to hand. Prominent among the other foreign publications to be found here is a superb edition of "Bishop Heber's Hymns." Another elegant volume is "Gems from the Poets," a quarto, which is embellished with thirty plates, printed in colors. The only strictly American gift-book produced the present year by this firm is that unique and elegant folio, "Floral Belles," by Mrs. Badger. An edition of Burns "Cotter's Saturday Night," illustrated by Chapman: a new edition of "Folk Songs," containing 250 additional pages; and a new illustrated edition of "Bitter Sweet," with a portrait of Dr. Holland, are among the holiday publications of Scribner & Co. Among their standard works, Froude's "England" and Lange's 'Commentary" should not be overlooked. 1.1 Although Messrs, Ticknor & Fields may make their books in Boston, they find New York the best place to sell them, and their establishment at No. 63 Bleecker street, into which they were compelled to move last May from their more contracted quarters on Broadway, has become the favorite resort of the lovers of elegant literature; and certainly the list of writers, native and loreign, who have chosen this house as their medium for communicating with the public, form as brilliant a catalogue as is anywhere to be found. Longfellow, Whittier, Hawthorne, Emerson, Lowell, Holmes, Tennyson, De Quincey, and Browning are a few of the more prominent whose works catch the eye in a glance around the well-arranged shelves. The chief aim of Messrs. Ticknor & Fields is to make this store the depot of handsome editions of their publications, and the enterprise which they have exhibited in producing those exquisite illustrated editions of Whittiet's "Maud Muller," Longfellow's "Evangeline" and "Flower de Luce," and Lowell's "Sir Launfal," deserves the most generous encouragement. A new and handsome uniform edition of Longiellow's works has lately been issued by Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, and they also make a specialty of Tennyson's poems in separate volumes and in ail styles of binding, as well as in uniform editions. Although they have nothing but their own publications on sale, a list of holiday gifts could be made up from these alone which could not fail to please that most fastidious,

keep a supply of literature. All of the old | having may be found on the shelves or tables | all book purchasers hardly need to be re- | since the close of the war has beaten his Hurd & Houghton, No. 459 Brooms street. The firm has, for the last year or two, devoted stself exclusively to the wholes le tra le; but their publications can, of course, be procured ing their imprint, long ago found its way to the libraries of nearly all admirers of this great master, and a few months since Messrs. Hurd & Houghton brought out an edition of the "History of England," in six volumes. In a few weeks Macaulay's poems will complete this uniform series, which must supersede all others. It is useless to enumerate the standard works produced by this wellknown house, which have been longer before the public. First among their u iscellaueous works, especially adapted to the season, is "Watts' Divine and Moral Songs for Children." "Dickens' Christmas Books," is a handsome volume in liself, and its attractiveness is enhanced by Darley's illustrations. Among the works produced this fall by Messrs. Hurd & Houghton are Miss Alice Cary's "Ballads, Lyrics, and Hymns; Christmas in England," comprising selections from Irving's "Sketch-Book,"very handsomely illustrated, and a series of very tasteful volumes in crown octavo, under the general designation of "the Riverside Classics." but three of which are published as yet: "Picciola," illustrated by Fleming; "Lalla Rookh," illustrated by Tenniel: and Milton's "Paradise Lost." These are printed in very clear type, and are

ornamented with head and tail pieces specially engraved for them. Messrs. Hurd & Houghton's catalogue comprises a number of juvenile publications the most attractive of which are those illustrated by Stephens.

Mr. George P. Putnam has opened an establishment at No. 661 Broadway, opposite Bond street. He will there resume, after January 1, the publication of the works of Irving and Bayard Taylor.

Besides many standard publications, such as Milman's "Latin Christianity," Hallam's works, and Macaulay's "Essays" and "Histories," the list of Messrs. Sheldon & Co. Nos. 498 and 500 Broadway, includes some of the most widely popular works ever issued in this country. There are, for instance, Spurgeon's sermons, and miscellaneous productions, over 300,000 copies of which have actually been sold; Marion Harland's novels, "Alone," Sunnybank," etc. etc. It is not generally remembered that Messrs. Sheldon & Co. were the publishers of Edward Everett's "Life of Washington." Their stock is particularly rich in juvenile publications, of which "Rollo's Tour in Europe" and Abbott's "American History" retain all their old popularity, and it is hardly an exaggeration to say that they sell m'nor juvenile books by the cord.

The establishment of W. J. Widdleton, No. 17 Mercer street, near Howard, is rather out of the current of Broadway trade; but a Messrs. Scribner & Co. have imported a choice variety of standard and belles-lettres

minded that they are issued by Messrs, ploughshares into pruning-books, and offers a large variety of elegant gift-books, as well as that omnium gatherum of war and literature, the "Rebeliion Record."

> By way of supplementing a gift of books to the young folks, nothing could be more appropriate for the family circle than the very novel and ingenious game of "Martelle," just issued by Richardson & Co., No. 540 Broadway. It unites some of the leading and most attractive characteristics of billiards, ten-plns, and croquet, and is produced in such handsome form, with its combinations of green cloth, black walnut, ebony mallets, and balls of ivory, that it will be an ornament in any room, while it is not at all cumbersome.

The American News Company, No. 121 Nassan street, have published several notable books during the year, among them Mr. Richard Grant White's "Poetry of the War." They have imported and have for sale a very tasteful edition of the "British Poets" in twelve volumes, but their specialty is the furnishingjany pamphlet, newspaper, periodical, or book that may be ordered through their connections, which extend to all parts of the country. "The Magic Fan" is a very entertaining story which they have just produced.

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The "Riverside Editions" of the standard authors, both American and foreign, have gained a deserved reputation for their accuonly for the little ones does Mr. Ashmead oreign publication, in short, which is worth rate typography and general elegance, and

Melancholy," which is unsurpassed for beauty of mechanical execution, and the works of Edgar A. Poe. Mr. Widdleton has also lately published the revised edition of "Milman's History of Christianity."

Messrs. Leypoldt & Holt, No. 451 Broome street, have produced nothing with special reference to the holiday trade, but they are the agents for the very convenient Tauchnitz editions, which enjoy a world wide popularity, and include the works of nearly all the standard writers-Macaulay, Dickens, Thackeray, Miss Bronte, etc. etc.

Religious books are the specialty of Mr. M. W. Dodd, No. 506 Broadway, and it should not be forgotten that he is the American publisher of the very popular works by the author of "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family" (Mrs. Charles). Her last work, "The Draytons and the Davenants," is one of the best of her productions.

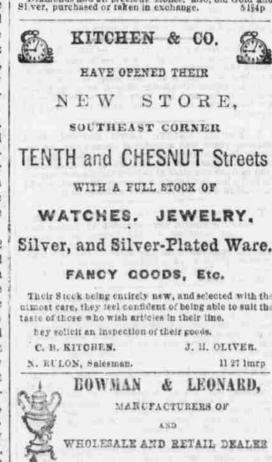
The list of Mr. James Miller, No. 522 Broadway, comprises a number of works well adapted for holiday gifts, and among them are several which parents may put in the hands of their children with the assurance that the hearts of the juveniles will be gladdened. First of all should be named 'Poems of Childhood," by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. This is beautifully illustrated by Hennessy & Thwaites, and is in every respect handsomely produced. Another of Mr. Miller's publications is "What the Moon Saw, and Other Tales," by Hans C. Anderson. Hisother juvenile publications are generally above the average of productions of this class. Mr. G. W. Carleton has lately removed from his old stand to No. 499 Broadway. His miscellaneous publications are so numerous that it is impossible to keep track of them. "St. Elmo," Miss Evans' novel, is the latest of his publications, and the demand for It is said to be very large. "Our Artist in Peru," and a handsomely illustrated edition of "Culprit Fay," are the only glit-books which Mr. Carlston offers; but they are very attractive, and that first named is exceedingly amusing. Headley's "Lives of Our Great Generals," for the young, with his biographies of other noted characters, can be procured at W. H. Appleton's, Nos. 92 and 94 Grand street, The same publisher also reproduces a work which was formerly a great favorite, Mrs. Jameson's "Characteristics of Women." The specialty of Messrs, Fowler & Wells, No. 389 Broadway, is well understoood ; but this firm publishes some works upon other subjects than phrenology, which will be found desirable for gifts.

Messra. Dick & Fitzgerald, No. 18 Ann street, publish a large variety of works instructing old and young how to amuse themselves rationally during these winter evenings, The well-known publ'sher of military works, Mr. D. Van Nostrand, No. 192 Broadway,

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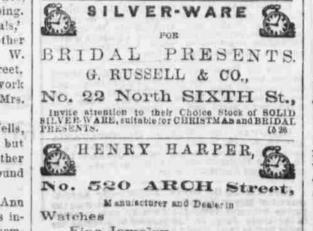


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