

LITERATURE. REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

"Monsieur Sylvestre," which we have received from Purter & Coates, is the third volume of the very elegant edition of George Sand's novels in course of publication by Roberts Brothers. This is a recent work, and it is an admirable specimen of the mature style of the distinguished authoress.

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LAON. "The 'Exalted' French Patriot who Blew Up the Magazine" reaches the title "Paraguay." This valuable work of reference is now rapidly approaching completion, and we again cordially commend it as the cheapest, and in some particulars the most complete book of reference ever published.

LAON. A correspondent writes:—"It is now acknowledged that the commandant of Laon did not blow up the citadel, and a brave officer's name is cleared from reproach. I do not mean to say that he was reprobated here for an act that would have been treason; on the contrary, the journals praised him highly, and even went so far as to charge him with having invited the Prussians into the citadel after he had signed the surrender, in order to blow them up. Now it is said that the act was performed by a private in the artillery named Henriot, and the *Figaro* says that his name should be inscribed in letters of gold in the annals of France. It is confessed, however, that he has been for some time in a state of patriotic exaltation. He was an old soldier, decorated at Alma, and was the guard of the magazine. Had the commandant refused to surrender, and had he blown up the fortress when the enemy was assaulting it, no fault could be attributed to him. Had he done so, he would have been a hero. As it was, he was a traitor. An explosion followed, but there were no lives lost."

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