LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

-From Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger we have received the following new books:-"Art in the Netherlands," by H. Taine, translated by H. Durand, and published by Leypoldt & Holt, is a continuation of the series on the "Philosophy of Art," which gives the substance of M. Taine's lectures before the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. Several volumes of this series have already been published in this country, and have been received with a cordiality proportionate to their deserts. M. Taine is an enthusiast on the subject of art, but at the same time he is a close and logical critic. He goes to the heart of his subject, and he is decidedly superior to Ruskin or any other art writer of the day as a thoroughly reliable guide for art students. In his lecture upon the philosophy of art he explains clearly and concisely, upon scientific principles, the reasons why certain artistic growths produced the results that they did, and the work before us is a discussion rather of the peculiar influences that influenced artistic development in the Netherlands, the crowning glories of which were the works of Rubens and Rembrandt-the one representing Flanders or Belgium, and the other Holland-than of particular artists and their works. M. Taine, as an art writer, has apparently no prejudices, and the most notable feature of the work before us is the fair, candid, and thoroughly appreciative spirit in which he discusses a phase of art with which many cultivated Frenchmen could have but little sympathy. The work is therefore one that can be read with profit and pleasure by all who are interested in art subjects, and it and others of the series to which it belongs should be upon the library shelves of every artist and lover of art.

With Fate Against Him," by Amanda M. Douglas, published by Sheldon & Co., is a novel with a somewhat commonplace and unsatisfactory plot, but with some very vigorous delineations of character which will commend it to the attention of thoughtful readers. Miss Douglas could searcely produce any other than a thoughtful work, and this story is in many respects an advance over her previous efforts in all the higher qualities of her

-From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have received parts 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 of "Lippincott's Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology," by J. Thomas, A. M., M. D. These parts include the titles between "Dufresne" and "Anthony Hamilton," and very nearly complete the first volume. Dr. Thomas has labored for a number of years in the preparation of this work, which is the most complete of its kind ever published. It is characterized by a number of important features that are not to be found in any other biographical dictionary, and which add greatly to its value, and its articles, although necessarily brief, are generally very complete and satisfactory in the information they give, while there are copious references to authorities for the benefit of students who wish to follow up particular subjects. The publishers have done their part well by handsomely printing the work on fine paper, and when it is completed it will be a credit to Philadelphia as well as to those immediately connected with its preparation.

From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have also received of the recent publications of Lee & Shepard "Plane and Plank," by Oliver Optic, the second volume of the "Upward and Onward Series." This is an entertaining story with a good moral, adapted to the tastes of young readers, and as it continues the adventures of "Phil Farringford" and the other personages of the first of the series "Field and Forest," it will be read with interest by those who have perused that story.

From the same house we have also received The Atlantic Almanac for 1871. Pubfished by Fields, Osgood & Co. This work contains a variety of valuable statistics, much excellent miscellaneous reading matter, and a great number of attractive illustrations.

-The American Sunday-school Union send us of their recent issues "Missionary Anecdotes," "Fergus Morton," by J. R. Macduff, D. D.; "The Swallows of Leigh Farm," and "The Drifting Boat; or, Joe Fenton's Revenge," all of which are suitable for Sunday-school libraries or for presents to

-From T. B. Peterson & Brothers we have received "Mrs. Goodfellow's Cookery As It Should Be," a standard work that has received the cordial endorsement of thousands of careful housewives, and "Major Jones" Courtship," a humorous work that appears to have a never-ending popularity, as the regularity with which new editions of it appear upon our table indicate extensive and continuous sales.

-"Prudy Keeping House," by Sophie May, published by Lee & Shepard, is the title of the fourth volume of "Little Prudy's Flyaway Sories," the first three volumes of which have been read with eager interest by innumerable of the younger but by no means the least important class of readers. Received from Turner & Co.

-"Zeil's Popular Encyclopedia" has now reached the forty-ninth number, and the title "Robinson." This work was to have been completed in fifty numbers, but it has been found necessary to extend it beyond them, and the regular subscribers will receive the extra numbers gratis. The work will contain 500 more engravings than were originally announced, and in other respects the publisher has more than kept his promises made at the commencement. We have so often alluded to the great merits of this encyclopedia and its remarkable cheapness that it is scarcely necessary to mention them again in detail, but as the holiday season is now approaching it may not be amiss to suggest to our readers that the two handsome volumes which the work will make would be an acceptable Christmas gift that would be highly appreciated by the resipient,

-The December number of The Technologist, which has been sent us by Morris Frank, No. 619 Walnut street, contains a variety of able articles on engineering, manufacturing, building, and kindred subjects.

-The November number of The Journal of the Franklin Institute has an excellent series of papers on scientific and practical subjects.

EXILED SOVEREIGNS.

The Queen of Spain and Her Companions in

A Geneva correspondent of the Boston Adverser writes, under date of November 4:-"Geneva is running over with political adventurers and displaced royalty. General Cluseret has been here under an assumed name. He has put out an anonymous circular, expounding his peculiar social and political tenets. He has the same complacency as George Francis Train; for the General called, the other day, to see a United States official, and imparted to him his lively regrets that he (Cluseret) had not arrived earlier in France, where he was sure he would have been made President, and then all things would have been for the best, in the best of worlds. He hopes vet to gain a foothold in France. He is not extinguished. "The old Duke of Brunswick, every hair of

his head is of silk, has been astonishing Geneva by his odd sociabilities. The Duke possesses the finest diamonds in the world. Let a revolution breeze up, the old fellow, independent as the snail who carries his house on his head, takes his box of diamonds under his arm. Recently he has been seen in a jeweller's store in Geneva with his box of diamonds, and he has kindly taken out the compartments and shown his treasures to persons in the shop. Two American ladies at different times have been allowed to gaze under these cir-cumstances at the Duke's diamonds. The eweller, with bated breath, had asked them did they know they had been talking to the Duke of Brunswick. No, they believed they had a Jew peddler before them, and one lady declares she told the horrified jeweller that he might be a duke, but he was not a gentleman. At home, in his hotel at Paris, the Duke keeps his diamonds in a stronghold male in the wall; and you may remember some years since, that by accident leaving his door open, a servant stole some of these treasures; the servant was arrested with the diamonds. While the matter was at litigation, the Brunswickers appeared with the charge that the Duke had stolen their crown jewels, but as it is difficult to identify the diamonds the Duke was not relieved of his boots. lieved of his booty. Many of your readers who have visited the Tulleries may remember to have seen some of these diamonds, for the Duke wore at these balls epaulettes of diamonds, magnificent stude of diamonds, and his sword-hilt was studded with diamonds. At Paris he has affected the manners of royalty, some cousin or near relation always carrying and sending messages to him in the third person, so that it is the more surprising to find him hobnobbing with plain citizens, for besides displaying himself, and his jewels, in jewelry shops, the Duke plays

chess with quiet citizens of Geneva. "The ex-Queen of Spain has just taken possession of the larger part of the Hotel de la Paix, according to the arrangement that I have before mentioned. The Queen, in 'taking her drives abroad,' is often, while her carriage waits, invited to a motley group of faces that more than once has reminded me of the sketches that George Cruikshank has made of similar groups, demonstrating how truthful was that clever caricaturist to scenes of every-day life. It is a gaping crowd, curious to see an ex-queen who has made 'nice customs courtesy to her.' Through the instincts of courtesy, and probably from the remains of old habit, she is often disposed to bow, and she instantly returns the salutation of any well-bred or good-natured group, but makes a half undecided bow to that of faces where the grin is unsuppressed. and the broad jest is passed around quietly on fallen dynasties and independent social rela-tions; but the ex-Queen Isabella has her children quietly put in, and struggling with her weight on the carriage steps finally gets her seat with the most undisturbed placidity. It is hard not to believe that with so much goodlanture and good sense in her face, under the guiding of a stronger husband than was chosen for her,

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

she might yet still be the Queen of Spain."

Speeches of Generals Sherman and Hooker. From the Cleveland (Ohio) Plaindealer, Nov. 25. General Rosecrans, who occupied the chair, formally opened the meeting with a few remarks, returning thanks for the friendly greeting, enlogizing General Thomas, with whom he had more intimate relations than with any other of his officers, etc.

Loud calls were then made for General Sherman. As he came forward the members stood up, swinging their hats and yelling in the exu-berance of their enthusiasm. The General said he ought not to speak this morning, as he was booked for a regular speech on Friday evening. He was happy to meet so many gentlemen who had been associated as brothers in the field. He saw many faces with which he had been familiar in other days. He trusted that as good citizens they would now, in their new spheres, as ably assist in carrying forward our nation to a higher position of grandeur than that attained by any other. He compared the condition of our country, in its peaceful state, with that of Europe; now the latter is the scene of war and carnage. We read in the morning papers of an army of 250,000 Frenchmen being shut up in a city by the Germans. he thought the Army of the Cumberland would hardly submit to that. He would not say that the French were inferior to us; we owed, on the contrary, a tribute to the military genius of France, which has taught us so much; but still he thought it very strange that those 250,000

men could be shut up in that manner. The calls were so persistent for Gen. Hooker that he could not resist, and he was accordingly assisted to the Speaker's desk by Gens. Wood and Palmer, amid wild applause. The old hero is quite feeble from the stroke of paralysis which destroyed the vitality of one side; but he is quite erect, and his eye is as bright and his face as handsome as ever. He said he came upon the stand reluctantly; if he had known the use they were going to put him to, he wouldn't have come. He was no talker, and he didn't wish to be; didn't want anybody to think he could say anything. There were plenty of young lawyers present who could talk to his advantage and to theirs. He was glad to see so many of his comrades here to-day, and looking so ready for the next war, which was bound to come. He wanted a war for the subjugation of Canada. Didn't want any British possessions nearer than across the ocean. The General referred to the sham neutrality of England during the Rebellion, and gave vent to his indignant feelings on the sub-Every time that we met with a reverse here they had a jubilee in Canada. He wanted to take part in one more war, that for the taking of Canada. General Hooker was loudly ap-

The new system of water works at St. Louis, Mo., will provide the people of that city with crystal water, instead of brown fluid. The works are to be formally opened in three

-A lady at North Adams, on Monday last, narrowly escaped death through inhaling too much chloroform preparatory to having her teeth drawn. She remained insensible for seve-

-Dwellers by the sea in some of the coast towns of Connecticut were again agitated by fear of an incoming tidal wave on Saturday, and fled unto the kills in apprehension of the devastating flood.

-An Albany boy, eighteen years old. Is under arrest for setting fire to some paper, etc., in the hall leading to the stage at Tweddle Hall, while some Sunday school anniversary exercises were in progress.

The Erie (Pa.) Dispatch states that Judge Grier was stricken with paralysis on Friday evening last, and received another stroke on Saturday morning. His life is considered in imminent danger.

JUVENILE JOLLITY.

A Newsboys' Thanksgiving Dinner-Immense Stemache'le Small Bedies.

The Missouri Democrat has the following in the course of a report of the newsboys' banquet in St. Louis on Thanksgiving Day:

The guzzling then commenced. Stewed oysters in tin vessels were dispensed by the lady and gentlemen waiters, and then the excitement began. It was impossible for a dozen hands to distribute the smoking bivalves fast enough to satisfy 150 hungry stomachs. Same boys would satisfy 150 hungry stomachs. Some boys would get their quota and devour it hastily, and then crowd up and, like Oliver Twist, ask for "more." The more backward boys scarcely got

a smell of the oysters.

The oysters being all served out, the waiters now dispensed chicken, turkey, beef, bread, etc., which were placed upon tin-plates with which the boys had been provided. Cakes, pastry, and candies followed, and still the hungry stomachs were not filled. The waiters everted themselves to be a carried themselves to be carried themselves to be carried themselves to be carried themselves to be carried to be carried themselves to be carried exerted themselves to the utmost to satisfy the demand; but it seemed as impossible to clog the appetite of a shoal of sharks as to cause

these boys to cry "enough."

After half an hour's gormandizing, the boys appeared more hungry than at first.

"Give me some more rooster!" cried one.
"Do you want some bread?" asked a lady
waiter of a carnivorous lad who was clamoring

for "more!"
"No!" replied the youngster; "I'm full of bread; I want something greasy!" It did not take many minutes to clear the table of its contents. The "scronging" and pulling were kept up all the time, and some of the smaller urchins were pushed out into the hall. There they commenced playfully to pound each other over the head with their tin plates. making a racket that would have done credit to

Pandemonium.
A large slice of fat bacon had been seized upon by one boy who mistook it for turkey. On discovering his mistake, he dexterously tossed it into the plate of another boy, and he in turn passed it to the next, until it was finally landed

on the floor. After the table had been pretty well cleared. the boys were pushed out and told the dinner was over. Some of them halted on the side walk, then the mystery of their immense consumption of viands was solved. Every boy had his pockets crammed with all sorts of edibles. One urchin disgorged two turkey drums, three slices of pound cake, a chicken wing, half a pie, five or six ginger-cakes, a handful of oysters, and thirteen pieces of barber-pole candy. The young scamps had provisions enough to last them a week, and still they were lamenting on account of not having deeper pockets to carry off more.

dispersed, was a sight for a housekeeper. It was completely covered with bones, bits of meat, crumbs of trampled cake, crushed oysters, and pulverized candy. So much for the first Thanksgiving dinner to

The floor of the dining-room, after the crowd

the newsboys. It was a success so far as the getting a big crowd together was concerned, and was also an expeditious mode of disposing of provisions. The next dinner of the sort should be spread in the open air, or in a large hall where all can be seated.

THE DENTS.

I ight on the Intricacles of their Relationship.

Washington Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette A late letter concerning a newly-discovered member of the Dent family has led to several mistakes. Where Dromios are as thick as blackberries there is, however, abundant excuse for error, as well as good openings for comedy. The letter in question related a conversation which took place between Colonel Fisher, late Commissioner of Patents, and a certain Mr. Dent. There was nothing which warranted the inference that this particular brother-in-law, as he represented himself to be, was brother-inlaw Louis, otherwise Judge Dent, except the lack of general information concerning the number of brothers in law. The impression that General Dent, of the President's military family, and Judge Louis Dent were the only brothers bearing the well-known relationship to the President, probably caused the mistake. All such errors will be less likely to occur in future if the following short directory of the Dents is

The brothers in law are four in number, namely:-1. General F. T. Dent, who officiates with such urbanity at the White House, and relieves

the President of a large share of the heavy routine of Executive business.

2. Judge Louis Dent, who is an attorney at law practising in the courts of Washington, and

also in Washington. He was the candidate for Governor of Mississippi. 3. George Dent, who resides in San Francisco, and is officially connected with the custom

house in that thriving city.

4. John Dent, who is well known in New Mexico in connection with his lucrative tradership at one or two military posts there. His presence here led to a belief among several in the Patent Office that the gentleman who called and represented himself as a brother-in-law was the brother-in-law from the frontier. It seems, however, that the one who appeared

to Colonel Fisher was only a consin of these brothers-in-law, and not a full brother in-law. And while this relation has been established to his own full satisfaction, it has not as yet been as fully recognized by the brothers-iu-law.

To apply the light obtained from this directory to the case in hand, it was this cousin of

the brothers, who are in turn brothers-in-law of the President, that had the interview with Colonel Fisher in regard to the chances of securing the position of principal examiner.

GORED TO DEATH.

Killed by a Steer-Shocking Occurrence in St. Louis. Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, says the St. Louis Republican of Saturday, a man named Henry Kalser was gored by a wild Texan steer, near the corner of Eleventh and O'Fallon streets. He was brought to the Health Office in a state of unconsciousness, having a terrible wound on the head. He was removed to the City Hospital, where he died in a very short time. The steer, after goring Kalser, ran frantically along the street to the imminent danger of people passing in the vicinity. It was pursued by a number of policemen. During the chase, Officer Shutgues was also gored by the steer. Citizens generally turned out with their shot guns, and the steer was finally killed -not until, however, a large number of shots had been fired. This occurrence fully illustrates the necessity of some prompt legislation by the Council on this subject of driving cattle through

On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Thomas Butler was knocked down by a wild steer on Chambers street and slightly wounded. A man named Morris Carroll was also attacked and knocked down by the same animal.

-The "suspended animation sensation" has penetrated to Utica. A few days since a young man died in that city of delirium, and the body was about being buried when a doctor thought he discovered signs of life. The work of resuscitation was then commenced, but given up in a short time as fruitless.

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