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### LITERATURE.

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#### REVIEW OF NEW ROOKS

-From J. E. Lippincott & Co. we have received Parts 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Dr. Thomas "Universal Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology." These parts embrace the titles from "Captain Charles Hamilton" to "Carl Gustaf Leopold." They also complete the first volume and commence the second, and in Part 19 the title-page. preface, and introduction are given. The introduction is an admirable essay, in which the leading ideas of the work are clearly explained, and also the general principles of pronunciation of each of the most important European and Asiatic languages. A perusal of the preface and introduction will give the reader an adequate idea of the industry, learning, and ability that have been brought to bear in the preparation of a work that is certainly superior to anything of the kind that has ever been published in the English language. Dr. Thomas has produced a dictionery and not an encyclopedia, and his biographies are necessarily brief. They present all essential facts, however, and in regard to distinguished personages they are very complete; while in all cases where it is possible references are made to authorities from which more elaborate information can be obtained. This Dictionary is creditable alike to the compiler and to the publishers, and the latter have done their part by putting it before the public in a style of elegance suited to its value and importance.

From J. B. Lippincott & Co. we have also received the following recent publications of other houses:-

"Captain John: or, Loss is Sometimes Gain," published by Henry Hoyt, is a wellwritten story for boys, in which a number of interesting adventures are related, and a good moral pointed. It is bound in handsome style, so that it makes a very attractive holiday book.

The third volume of the series entitled "The Tone Masters," by Charles Barnard, published by Lea & Shepard, gives the biographies of Bach and Beethoven in readable narratives specially adapted to the tastes of young people. This little volume and the others of the series are not only interesting in themselves, but they will undoubtedly prove important suxiliaries in the cultivation of musical taste.

-Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfuger send us the following new publications---

"Morning and Evening Exercises" is the title of a series of selections from the published and unpublished writings of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, published by Harper & Brothers. The selections have been made by the Rev. Lyman Abbott, with Mr. Beecher's consent, and the book is one in which devout readers will find much sound peligious instruction and much eloquent exposition of gospel truth.

"The William Henry Letters." by Mrs. A. M. Diaz, published by Fields, Osgood & Co., achieved a remarkable popularity when they appeared serially in Our Young Folks, and

Hand-Book," published by S. M. Pettingill & Co., No. 37 Park Row, New York. This work gives a complete list of all the newspapers, periodicals, and magazines published in the United States and British possessions, Safe The list is arranged by counties, with the population of counties and towns. Separate lists of the daily, religious, and agricultural newspapers are given, and a very interesting bistory of the newspaper press is prefixed.

### NOTES OF THE WAR.

## Inside Paris - Horse-ment Sausages - Rat

An emeute lately occurred at the Halles Centrales in Paris, caused by the indignation provoked by a sudden and great rise in prices. Horse-meat sausages were offered at 9f. per kilogramme and horse-fiesh black puddings at 7f. A crowd of women who sought to make purchases projested against these prices, but failing to convince the venders they pelted them with their own sausages. The disturbance was checked only by the active interference of the Na-

checked only by the active interference of the Na-tional Guard, and the shops of the unpopular dealers were summarily closed. Rathunting is now vigorously carried on in Paris to meet the domands of the restaurants. A simple plan has been devised for the capture of these now valuable rodents. Holes are made in the bed of the sewers, and so filed in with source de glouwese, a thick and sweet liquid. The rats, attracted by the flavor, rush greedily to feed, and immediately fall into the holes, from which they are unable to escape, on a to count of the gluthoos nature of the sour, and thus count of the glutinous nature of the soup, and thus they are daily captured by thousands.

#### TOO MANY LAWYERS.

The Reveil, of Paris, comments on the fact that all The Receil, of Paris, comments on the fact that all the higher posts in the present French Government are now filled up by members of the Paris bar, and it gives statistics showing that no other country is ruled to such an extent by the long robe. There are six barristers in the Government of National Defense, viz.:—Picard, Cremicux, Arago, Favre, Ferry, and Cambetta, and their four secretaries are of the came profession. of the same profession. Six of the ministers, i ine of the higher ministerial officials, the police prefect and his general secretary, twenty-four of the com-missioners despatched to the departments with ex-traordinary military and political powers, the whole of the newly-formed Council of State, the eight men at the head of the Paris municipal government. ten of the sanitary and food commissioners, six members of the War Department, six diplomatists, and five finance officials, are also advocates. A Paris journal may well say, "We have certailly a government of 'defense,' for it consists of barristers.

THE PARIS BALLOON THAT LANDED IN NORWAY. A letter from Christiania gives some details concarning the French balloon which feil in Norway, as notified by telegrain in the *Express* of the 30th ult. It appears that the balloon was sent up from Paris on the morning of the 24th. The wind carried it in a northerly direction with such rapidity that it soon passed over the North Sea without the occupants of the car knowing where they were. When, however, the car knowing where they were, when, however, they found themselves dangerously close to the sea, they sent off a carrier-pigeon with a message that they thought themselves lost, at the same time throwing out ballast. Ultimately the balloon reached Norway, and when over Mandal, a small town on the southern coast, twenty-three miles W.S. W. of Chris-tiansand, a sack of letters and newspapers was thrown out failing among the astonished in ballants. thrown out, falling among the astonished inhabitants, who were watching the balloon pass over their heads. After having been many hours in the balloon, the aeronauts, whose names are not given, descended, several miles further north, on a snow-

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descended, several inites further north, on a snow-covered mountain, as best they could, and without even knowing in what country they were, there being no insolitations near. For nineteen hours they wandered about in the snow in light boots, which initer had to be cut off, so saturated had they become. In the meantime the balloon was discovered by the natives. The aeronauts were not to be seen, but the remains of meat, bread, and wine in the car showed plainly enough that it had recently contained passengers. Six carrier pigeons were also found in it, seemingly none the worse for the journey. Eventually the coverer meched one of the small cabins which are none the worse for the journey. Eventually the voyagers reached one of the small cabins which are to be seen at wice intervals among the mountains, which give shelter to those who look after cattle, and where an aged and poor woman gave them some food. They then discovered, by seeing upon a match-box the word "Christiania," that they were in Norway, and made the woman understand as well as they could that they desired to proceed to the town. They were then shown the way to a farmer's house, where they received that attention of which they stood so much in need, as well as dry clothes and shqes.

GERMAN FEELING AT HOME. "In Prussio," says the correspondent of the Lon-on Times, "there are many people and papers advising the Government to accept the surreader of the hestile capital only if it consents to deliver up not herself alone, but all France at the same time. In other words, Paris is not to be rescued from the pangs of hurger unless its Government and people ratify the German terms of peace in advance, and more particularly approve the cession of the two coveted provinces. The severity of this proposal will give you an idea of the tone of the public mind in this country. Arguing on the conviction that the French begun the war for vanity's sake, so are they chilming it because too conceited to give in, ithough they know they have no chance of success, the Germans have been latterly denouncing the conduct of their neighbors in terms of increasing hatred and contempt. No matter how great the glory achieved by their troops, each successive battle adds to the irritation against those who have forced the citizen warriors of this coun try to leave their homes, suspend their industry, and take to the heroic. The Germans are certainly determined to go on beating the French as long as they will not concede to them the terms considered to contain the only guarantee that peacs will not be broken the day after its conclusion, but, at the same t me, they are sick of the war, and more and more incensed at the bloodshed wantanly inflicted upon themselves no less than upon the discomfitted enemy. It is this resolve to have their own way, together with the unspeakable weariness occasioned by ever tresh telegrams with lists of killed and wounded, that begins to make people compara-tively indifferent to the sufferings of their adversaries, and already display itself in the idea of starv-ing Paris into obedience." "DRACONIAN" SEVERITY. The North German Gazette, referring to the reconnoitring expeditions sent out by Prince Frederick harles, says :-- "These were mostly attended with great difficulties. The cavalry were fired at from every farm and every distant point. Solitary agricultural laborers at their approach threw away the spade, seized a spade lying beside them on the ground, and dred; every house became a petty fortress, every clouse a Franc-Tireur. Such persons are daily brought in to the general commandos, to whom the decision in such cases is intrusted, and many of them are ac-companied by pricests parily as instructores and companied by priests, partly as instigators and partly as actors. Everybody taken with a gun in his hand, in accordance with a notice placarded at the town or village corners on catering any district, is condemned to death. Only by Draconic severilies can this treacherous way of carrying on war be re-pressed. The towns of Sens and Nemours have been severely punished. In the former, postal and telegraphic officials were disarmed by the inhabitants and led away prisoners, in the latter, 47 Uhlans were surprised. The isolated officer who is sent out to get information or reconnoitre, is exposed to the greatest danger." How NAPOLEON WAS GULLED.



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Of their own publications Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger send us "The Floating Light of the Goodwin Sands," an interesting story by R. M. Ballantyne, which in an attractive form gives a description of the condition, vicissitudes, and value of the light vessels or floating light-houses on the English coast.

-From Porter & Coates we have received "The Prose Writers of America," by Rufus Wilmot Griswold. This is a standard work, in which an admirable resume of the pregress of American literature is given, and a new and improved edition such as has just been issued by Messrs. Porter & Coates, will be cordially welcomed by a multitude of readers. A supplement prepared by Professor John H. Dillingham, who also contributes an essay on the present intellectual prospects and condition of America, gives sketches of recent writers and extracts from their works which add greatly to the interest and value of the volume. "The Prose Writers of America" is a book that can be cordially recommended for its sterling qualities, and the handsome style in which it has been gotten up by the publishers makes it particularly worthy of the notice of those who wish to make a Christmas present that will be appreciated by the recipient.

-From D. Ashmead we have received "Overland Through Asia," by Thomas W. Knox, published by the American Publishing Company, Hartford, Conn. This is a subscription-book gotten up to suit the popular taste, and whoever invests in it will get their money's worth in lively and picturesque descriptions of travel and adventure in a but little known quarter of the globe.

-The American Sunday-school Union send ns the following religious stories suitable for Sunday-school libraries or for holiday gifts to ebildren:-"Scrub Hollo v Sunday-school and how it was Started," "Dan,'el Tracey's Store in Covington," and "Alone i." London."

-"Prince Wolfgang" is , 'n Interesting story of German life at the period of the Reformation. It is translated fro u the Garman of Franz Hoffman, by J. Frederick Smith, and is the last volume of the very interesting "Fatherland series" published by the Lutheran Board of Publication.

-From Charles M. Evans, No. 631 Arch street, we have received "The Advertiser's

The London Times is publishing a set of des-atches found in St. Cloud after the surrender of napoleon III. The three following will serve as pecimens of the value of the guides to public tion who deceived the Emperor and perhaps hemselves:-

themselves:--"To Tarbe, Journal Gaulois, 13, Helder, Paris. "METZ, July 21.-The day before yesterday the meeting put off. Luxemburg decidedly neutral, but with French leavings, for she has ordered that all the money at her disposal be employed for the de-struction of the fortifications of Luxemburg, which might be disadvantageous to us if we had to retreat to Metz. Neutrality of France and Prussia acknowledged and placarded in Luxemburg, where people can go in and out freely. Great difficulty in calling in the Prussian Landwehr. The men weep, are ter-ribly afraid of the French, particularly of the Tarcos: they have to be forcibly driven into the rail way carriages. A false report in Luxemburg of the march of the French into Saarbruck. Difficulties in sending on and receiving despatches. Intelli-gence from Herbinville, and your despatch received through Estor. Kind regards. "CHARLES MAREUIL."

"To the Correspondance Germania, hue Pontaines, St. George's, 31, Paris. "MUNICH, July 20.—The patriotic party in the Chamber is determined not to grant a sous towards the mobilization of the troops ordered by Prussia. "Stick.

"Editor of the Munich Republican Vaterland," "To Leonhardt, Quai Megisserie, I. Paris, "VIENNA, July 17.—Papers nearly all ani Pras-sian, Vengennee for 1806. Intelligence in the Tagespress that Austria has given no declaration of neutrality either to Russia of any other State; but will observe neutrality if not violated by others. "Beust will shortly proceed to Gastein. In South Germany the causus fuederis is by no means certain. The mobilization of the troops is probably an act of precaution. Warren's Weekly Journal (Beust's per-sonal organ) declares France to be the enemy of Prussia, but not at all of Germany, "Millowicz."

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