

DRIFT.
The troubled waters of literature have yet far from tranquilized, and the light has arisen for religion or for infidelity, as to whether Prof. Royce were an orthodox theologian or a rationalist philosopher.

So far, then, Prof. Royce's novel may be taken as a kind of illustrative appendix to his history; depicting for us the bustling, good-hearted old pioneer, Alonzo Eldon, enjoying his millions, and planning great things with them; his physically, intellectually, and morally degenerate son, Tom, a type of the generation that has fallen here to the pioneer's wealth without having done anything to earn it.

It gives us, moreover, a glimpse at California journalism, politics, literature, and many other phases of life there. For all this, I suppose we ought to be grateful that Mr. Royce has written a novel which is so full of interest, and which is so full of life.

It appears rather odd, that he should pay so little attention to literary grace; for the school of fiction which, in one respect at least he affects, notably lays all possible stress on style, and in fact owes the greater part of its popularity just to this, that its style is the most graceful, pure, elegant, and beautiful.

An American Cantatrice Who is Gaining a Large Share of Success.
Madelonelle Lillian Nordick, an American contralto, is gaining ground as one of the leading artists of the Royal Italian opera.

Viewing the Ground.
A clerical gentleman recently met a couple of legal friends looking on at the erection of the new court house.

TO THE TRAILING ARMBUEN.
Sweet blossoms bright with early dew,
That open when the sun's warm rays
Predict the spring's soft balmy days.

That Prof. Royce so manages the circumstances and events of his story, and so delicately handles his characters, as to make one pity, almost sympathize with, and try to excuse and justify those two adulterers in their sin, and did not make any one feel that he was morally and physically degraded.

WHY HANKS WAS NOT RE-ELECTED.

BY TOM F. MORRAN.
The moon had not yet risen, although midnight had passed, an hour before. The stars winked and blinked at each other in a happy social way, and their pale, placid light shone down a silvery half glow, on the dark forest of Southern Missouri, stretching away for miles in the night.

A fox-squirrel scrambled out on a long limb, and as he was about to take a flying leap to the bough of one of the clump of paw-paw trees some ten rods to the right, he paused as if startled by some movement below.

"I'd like to take a snap shot at that squirrel, just for luck," muttered a voice from the dark shadows near, the foot of the paw-paw tree, and the squirrel, who, though, he was on the whisper, "We had a long talk to-day."

"That's what you're broke in on," he said. "You're broke in on me, and I'm broke in on you."

THE CHLOROFORMISTS.
They are the Cream of the Aristocracy of the Criminal Race.
From a Paris Letter.
The chloroformists, as they are called, are the aristocracy of the criminal race.

"I'm a doctor," looked like the hit and run of a man who had been in a hurry. "What I knowed they was, what do you mean?"

Wants a Bicycle.
A bicycle wanted to a European gentleman at a South Maharashtra station has kindred such various feelings in the breast of a native student in the local high school that the latter has written the European the following letter.

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It is not the Prince Albert coat going out of fashion. "Do you mean the frock coat?"

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