

Of and About the Makers of Books.

Some of the Latest Volumes To Issue from the Press.

Two weeks ago an allusion was made in another department of The Tribune to the superiority of English customs of municipal government over those in vogue in the government of American cities.

who put themselves forward for their own purposes, or are put forward by some ring. There is no use in preaching to the electors to do their duty and vote for the right man, unless you can show how the right man is to be brought before them.

But what interests us quite as much as does Dr. Shaw's argument in itself is a lucid and convincing discussion of the form of a signed criticism by Professor Goldwin Smith.

"When matters come to the worst a spasmodic effort is made. But you cannot get it sustained. The vigilance committee which you have formed for the purpose, breaks up when the tension is over; indignation cools; excitement passes away; and vigilance goes to sleep.

"City society in England even now somewhat differs in texture and in its animating spirit from city society in America. The wealthy people have a stronger hold more of the governing instinct, and a livelier sense of municipal duty than similar people in our cities.

It took George Meredith ten years to write "The Amazing Marriage," which is published as a serial in Scribner's Magazine.

"The question is whether the elective system can be made to work in large cities. It works well enough in villages. But in a village the people know each other and can lay their heads together for the re-election of their officers.

While the homoeopaths of America are raising the cry of \$30,000 for a monument in Washington, to the memory of Samuel Hahnemann, it has remained for a Philadelphia physician, Dr. Thomas Denton Drake, to write the first biography of the father of homoeopathy.

ed, more delicate, more ideal than the long, narrow, blue, which it is exceedingly well done. But the short story is only adapted to paths; when humorous it is odious; and it never could replace the long novel, which is a more complicated character or the portraiture of contemporary society is to be undertaken.

The largest Bible in the world is in the possession of Napoleon III. It is written in Hebrew. The book weighs 230 pounds, and there is a history connected with it.

A new lot of manuscripts, believed to be genuine, Napoleon III. has recently taken. The papers were arranged by Napoleon III. himself for the private use of his uncle, Cardinal Fesch, who sold by the auctioneer the "lost notes" of Napoleon III. himself.

The Endless Chain Means to a Good Deal in the End. From the Pittston Gazette.

SHAKESPEAREAN OPERA.

Why the Masters of Music Have Failed to Create Good Works Out of the Incomparable Dramas of the Playwright.

Apologies of the recent Gotham first production of Verdi's "Falstaff," it is interesting to note the fact that the great number of operas founded on Shakespeare's dramas, none has ever taken root in popular favor among the masses in England and America.

A Perplexed Postmaster. The chief sufferer by the scheme is the postmaster at the place to which the letters are directed.

A Bandier. From the Detroit Free Press.

The Russian censor has not permitted Professor Bryce's book, "The American Commonwealth," to be translated into Russian.

I gather from the published summary of Dr. Robinson's sermon last Sunday evening that he regards as lacking in moral backbone the young men of our generation.

I will say, for the particular young man who has unwittingly given rise to this discussion, that so far as my acquaintance with him goes, he has shown himself to be a moral coward.

Boists the Reed Banner. From the Springfield (Ill.) Daily News.

The sign of the times point to but one result in the presidential campaign of 1896, the nomination and election of Thomas B. Reed.

Prevalent Postage Stamp Swindle. The Endless Chain Means to a Good Deal in the End.

Have you ever been roped in by the latest scheme? A number of people hereabout have. Others should read and take warning.

THOMAS W. WINDER PLANNING A BICYCLE RIDE OF 21,000 MILES.

A La Porte, Ind., special says: Thomas W. Winder, a well known newspaper man, will start Feb. 28 for his tour on a bicycle around the United States.

European Languages. English leads the list of the European languages spoken in the world.

Frozen. From the New York Weekly.

Men of the Marines. "There has been a great improvement concerning the food on board ship in the navy, during the last few years.

Saturday Reflections.

Church Work? or "How Shall the Church Carry Its Message to the Masses?"

TO CURE DIPHTHERIA. The Carbondale Leader gives this recipe for diphtheria: Bathe the feet in warm water with ground mustard till it twice a day.

fourth-class office draws about \$250 a year and is obliged to handle 17,000 letters a day and hire an extra clerk.

BRAINS AND COLD WEATHER. Extreme Low Temperature Weakens the Intellect.

Extreme cold, as is well known, exerts a benumbing influence upon the mental faculties. Almost every one who has been exposed for a longer or a shorter period, to a very low temperature, has noted a temporary weakening of the memory.

WILL SKIRT THE STATES. Thomas W. Winder Planning a Bicycle Ride of 21,000 Miles.

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Life on Board a Yankee Man-of-War.

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Animal Coloring Matter. The colors of pure ocean water and the various shades observed where impurities are met with, are still further diversified by the coloring effects of the enormous multitudes of various forms of organisms.

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