Of and About the Makers of Books.

Notices of Recent Interesting Volumes and Chats Concerning Literary Men and Women

POETRY.

APPLES OF ISTAKHAR. By William Lindsey. Cloth, octavo, \$1.50. Boston: Copeland & Day.

Mr. Lindsay's muse is versatile, and sings with equal grace in lyrics, light songs, seventeenth century airs, French forms, triolets and sonnets, not to mention one or two more sustained efforts which are less successful. The author is an impressionist of graceful fancy and dainty ways, yet possesses, withal a virility which ever and anon overmasters the natural tendency toward dilettantism. Note this, among his

The Waves Confessional. The billows up the broad bay crawl and

with white looks o'er bowed shoulders streaming far, And faltering, confess in whispers deep Their sins of passion and their deeds of

While hermit pines, in somber mantles Bend from the cliffs, with ceaseless sob and sigh, And shrive the penitents, with arms out

spread, Ere on the saffron shore they fall and die Equally excellent are the two poems 'An unknown Poet" and "En Garde, Messieurs," of which the first runs thus: His name or title we shall never know,

All he has left us are the words we see; The few rare words, his spirit's overflow Tender, and sweet, and quaint to fantasy Fresh from a soul of mellow kindliness, We love, although we have no name t

Mid green fields, yellow sands, with oa or plough, In inland town, or village by the sea, We know not where he dwelt, we know

His soul grew large with poesy's ecstasy; He sang, unfevered by Ambition's breath, Along a hidden pathway down to death,

He lived, loved, labored, saw suns rise and set; Drank in the morning breeze; he heard the

And breathed the fragrance of the violet. He sinned and suffered; groping in the He strove, with changing purpose, to ful-Some fancled destiny of good or ill.

Martial in instinct, a perfect picture of embittered disappointment, is the poem which follows

En garde, messieurs, too long have I en-Too long with patience borne the world's Now he who shoulders me shall find me

The weakness of an easy soul is cured. I've shouted, leather-lunged, when fame Were won by others, turned to aid my

Dullpated ever,—but such follies end; Only a fool's content, and in the cold. My doublet is in tatters, and my purse

Only my sword is bright; with it I plan

I wait no longer for the primal blow. Henceforth my stroke is first; I give offense;

I claim no more an over-dainty sense, brook no blocking where I plan to go, En garde, messieurs, and if my hand is

Remember, I've been buffeted at will; I am a whit impatient, and 'tis ill To cross a hungry dog, messieurs, er gardel Here is something worth quoting

among the noems cast in French forms: I Do Not Know. I do not know why you and I Are east this part or that to play; Why he is low and she is high

You ask me why some hearts are gay. While others grieve; why all must die; Why passions tempt and sins betray.

Glad am I that the gods deny Omniscience, and that I can say, I could not answer, should I try;

With this sonnet we end our quota-

Immortals.

We wish, and strive for what we wish, year sometimes until, with out-stretched hand Almost atouch, we need but to demand The crown of our desire; but in the play Of some new light we, witless, turn astray To some new prize, seeming more fair,

The first as worthless, changing ever, and At last Death comes, and turns to name-

When in our constant souls, there creeps A lonely wish, that never tires or sleeps; A single purpose, a supreme desire, Consuming lesser longings with its fire. Then only do the gods reach from above, And make immortal with their strength

and love.

The volume as a whole is a pleasing grouping of interesting verses which, if not profound, are yet sufficiently invested with merit and delicacy to deserve kindly mention and excite favorable anticipations.

FICTION.

GARRISON TALES FORM TONQUIN. By James O'Nelll. Fancifully decorated rs. 12 mo., \$1.25. Boston: Copeland

TherCe are fourteen tales in this odd volume, each dealing with some phase of soldier life in Annam. Now it is a battle; anon a march; again a bit of soldler romance at the barracks; and perchance the next moment a story of ever and delirium in the hospital. Mr. O'Neill portrays with singular fidelity the more striking aspects of this unnatural and unChristian French crusade of conquest in a climate hot with miasma and recking with Oriental unvholesomeness. The fact that each of his stories narrates queer, mystical and almost irrational incidents-now a mysterious murder, now a strange suicide, now a hallucination born of the opium habit-is doubtless only the author's artistic method of depicting the mental and moral refraction habitual in this stifling land of Tonquin. He writes with power and fluency; and the stories that he pens, wLhile grewsome, are well worth reading.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

ANCESTRY. Compiled by Eugene Zieber Published by the Department of Her-aldry of the lialley, Banks & Biddle com-pany, Philadelphia. Price, 25 cents. A second edition of this work has just been published, containing much new information respecting the patriotic hereditary societies. It is complete up to Oct. 25, 1895. The objects of the hereditary societies and the military and orders of the United States are set forth. The requirements for membership are also given therein, together with a transcript, in th new editions, of the acts of congress relating to the insignia of the war-hereditary socie-

The Christmas Cosmopolitan has stories by Robert Louis Stevenson. Zangwill, "Oulda." James Lane Allen, and Sarah Grand, and also has a portrait of a lady in several colors which is about the neatest hit of artistic printing we have yet seen. The number as a whole is excellent.

AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS: "What the Speaker Does" is the title of a timely paper which the Hon. Thomas

B. Reed has contributed to a coming numer of "The Youth's Companion." Ian Maclaren, otherwise the Rev. John Watson, of Liverpool, is coming to America on a lecturing tour. He has sold over 120,000 copies of "Beside the Bonnie Brier

Stevenson's unfinished tale, "Welr of Hermiston," is to appear first in three numbers of the new magazine, "Cosmopo-lis." It will be published in book form in the spring.

Miss Beatrice Harraden who has re-

turned to England is now at work on a novel which she expects to have ready for publication in the spring. Nothing since "Ships That Pass in the Night" has come from her pen.

William Dean Howells' forthcoming novel is to be entitled "The Landlord of the Lion's Head." It is a story of American summer hotel life, and is to appear

as a serial in Harper's Weekly. S. R. Crockett's new novel of the seventeenth century, "The Grey Man," will also appear in the same weekly.

The members of the Society of the Phil-Istines, chief among whom is Elbert Hubbard, will give a dinner Dec. 19 in honor of Stephen Crane. A large number of in-vitations have been sent to all parts of the country and a remarkable gathering expected at East Aurora on the night

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American literature, and by the striking strength and originality of his work he has assumed a high place. His latest book, "The Red Badge of Courage," an episode of the civil war, is conceded to be the best which Mr. Crane has yet pro-

and Sonnets" was purchased in New York last week for \$1,680. This is one of the rarest volumes of English poetry, and no other copy has appeared in the market for some time. Henry Howard, earl of Surrey, was the first poet to use blank verse in the English language, which he did in his translation of the second and did in his translation of the second and fourth books of Virgil's "Aneid."

TO MAKE GOOD COFFEE.

A very essential requisite to the making f good coffee is that it should be freshroasted and ground. In case it is im-ssible to do this at home it is a good plan to always reheat the coffee for a fev moments in the oven or over the teakettle before pouring on the water. The coffee-pot should be of porcelain or granite and kept immaculately clean, careful attention always being paid to the cleansing of the spout, where a brown sediment is apt to collect. Many a cupful of coffee is spoiled by being made in an unclean pot or fil-tered through a biggin imperfectly washed and scalded. The white of an egg or fish glue or isinglass, that can be bought very cheaply at the druggists', are all good for clearing coffee. All eggshells should be washed before breaking and saved for settling coffee, as enough al-bumen clings to the shells to make them very efficient agents in settling coffee. The French coffcepot, carefully managed is excellent for making coffee, as none of the aroma is wasted. In the hands of the careless, however, it becomes an abomina-tion. Coffee should never be allowed to boil more than five minutes, as long boil ing dissipates the peculiar aroma and delicate taste which is the charm of this beverage, besides developing the tannie acid, which renders it indigestible. The acid, which renders it indigestible. The proportion of coffee should be one heap-ing tablespoonful. Cover closely and of freshly boiling water. Roasting Coffee.—Place a small quantity of coffee in a spider on the range and

shake and stir until vellow. Then cover it, increasing the heat, and keep shakin until the kernels are a rich-chesnut colo having an oily appearance. Cool a little, and while still warm add a beaten egg and its shell and shake until all the kerout the coffeepo; mix one egg or the in cans. There are several methods of making coffee one of the most delicious being:

Steamed Coffee.-Put the come in the top of a double boiler; add boiling water in the proportion of a cupful to each heap-ing taplespoonful. Sover closely and steep twenty minutes.

Boiled Coffee with Boiling Water.—Scald

out the coffeepot; mix one egg of the shells of eggs with the coffee; pour on freshly boiling water in the usual proportion and boil five minutes. Let it stand on the back of the range, where it will keep hot but not boil; add one-half cupful of cold water; pour out a little of the coffee to clear the shout and nour back again. Let it stand ten minutes to set-Boiled Coffee with Cold Water-Cover

the coffee to be used; let it come to a boil; add the other half and bring again to boll. Settle with cold water and serve. French Coffee.—This is made in a French biggin or any double coffeepot with strainers. Put the coffee (ground very fine) in a strainer, pour on the amount of boiling water and allow it to drip slowly through

water and allow it to drip slowly through the coffee, allowing the pot to stand mean-while in a pan of hot water.

After-Dinner or Black Coffee—Is made by using double the proportion of coffee —that is, two heaping tablespoonfus of coffee to one cupful of hot water. It should be served in small cups with loaf sugar and should be clear and strong. -Good Housekeening.

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