WORLD OF LETTERS.

FICTION.

PLASH OF SUMMER. The story of a Simple Woman's Life. By Mrs. W. K. Clifford, No. 189 of Appletons' Town and Country Library.

Country Library.

This story, which makes something a study of marriage, was written sveral years prior to the new woman rage and its author, in a preface, takes are to inform prospective readers that er werâ does not in any way belong to he recent controversial discussion of he social compact. Katherine Kerr, the heroine, when quite young, is wooed nd won by a lawyer named Belcher, the expected she would inherit a rich unt's estate. It is on both sides a loveus marriage, although it is not until ome years later that Katherine, having met another man to whom she was rawn, discovered the exact state of her sellings toward her unemotional liege ord. The flash of summer consists of he period of her happy but innocent cquaintance with this second man, and ends by Katherine drowning herself a the river in preference to returning to he domicile of Belcher, The story is rell drawn, and many parts of it are eally strong.

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"Emma Lou-Her Book" is the title iven by Mary M. Mears to a mechanically neat volume published by Henry Rolt & Co., New York. The exterior of he book is its chief recoiliness. Within, it is a waste of duliness. ok is its chief recommendation.

The Lippincotts publish in their Select ovel series "An Unsatisfactory Lover" by the Duchess, which is an entertaining tale that does not overtax the read-r's intellectuals.

MISCELLANEOUS

PHE FEAST OF ANTOLYCUS; the Diary of a Greedy Woman. By Ellzabeth Rob-ins Pennell, Cloth, 12mo., 284 pp., \$1.25. New York: the Merriam company. This book is number five in the pleas-ng Mayfair set. It consists of twentyng Mayfair set. It consists of twentyix papers on gustatorial topics reprintd from the Pall Mall Gazette. The papers treat of such appetizing themes as
"The Subtle Sandwich," "A Perfect
Dinner," "The Archangelic Bird," "The
Magnificent Mushroom" and "The Incomparable Onion," but deals rather
with the quiet philosophy of the festive
poard than with the coarse details of
he kitchen. Mrs. Pennell is an amiale discourser upon the joys of epicuranism, and her papers will both enteralin and instruct.

Three volumes in paper covers are reelved from Charles H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth avenue, Chicago. One is entitled 'The Modern Banker,' by James B. Joode, and is an impassioned attempt o set forth the merits of unlimited silver coinage through the mediu... of a not overly thrilling novel; the second, "Man or Dollar, Which?" by "a newspaper man," name not given, is an appeal for the downtrodden workingman; and the third, Sydney Flower's "Hypotism, up to Date," is a discussion of an interesting subject which brings out much new information in an attractive form. Each of these books cost 25

From Laird & Lee, Chicago, comes Lee's Vest-pocket Pointers for Busy People," a neat little morocco bound volume containing 20,000 indexed facts. such as the prominent events of his-ory, area, population, location and ulers of all nations, states of the union. culers of all nations, states of the union, population, area, capitals and cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants, all the largest cities of the world, the great pattles, chief rivers, lakes, mountains, stc., postal regulations, rules of order, constitution of the United States, lexion of foreign, legal and technical terms, Australian ballot system, patent away telegraph, explored to The

tinction than is accorded to any other American book save Mrs. Burnett's "A Lady of Quality," which is mentioned 21 times. The other star sellers are Barr, Hope,Doyle, Maclaren and Crock-ett. Evidently Crane, after years of waiting, has at last "caught on"—and he is only 26 at that.

Godey's for May has three clever short stories, an interesting comparative study of Bernhardt, Nethersole and Duse, a description of Chicago's famous Hun House, and a story of polar exploration by Rufus Wilson which embedies much instruction in readable form. Godey's is getting better each month.

The second number of Philadelphia's Penny Magazine (which, despite its title, sells for a nickle and is worth it) has appeared. In it is a strong story by Herbert D. Ward, which should have been given the place of honor in-stead of Mrs. Harriet R. Davis' rather tepid tale entitled "An Executive En-counter;" and five or six other yarns spun by captivating authors for the sole purpose of pleasantly beguiling the reader's time.

The May Pocket Magazine appears in an enlarged form, having gained 32 pages. Its leading story is by Weyman; other well-known contributors are Stephen Crane, Gilbert Parker, Julia Ward Howe and Margaret Deland. With such contributions its growing popularity is not at all singu-

Last but by no means least comes "Bradley His Book," that new and strange periodical conceit of Will H. Bradley, which has just been launched at Springfield, Mass. Nothing about it is conventional. For instance, its size smashes all tradition by being a foot long and only about the inches wide. The cover is in green, gray, black and red. Every advertising page is designed differently from every other page and printed in unique and striking colors, making the advertisements alone worth the price of the booklet, which is only one dime. Coming to read the contents, Edward Penfield has a frontispiece design of a woman in a frontispiece design of a woman in green which introduces novel effects in black, green and white; Nixon Waterblack, green and white; Nixon Waterman contributes a poem of merit entitled "The Carden of Genius;" Richard Harding Davis deigns to be represented by two slight prose sketches; Harriet Monroe's poem, "The Night-Blooming Cereus," is amazingly decorated by Bradley to the extent of two pages of black-and-white eriects; following this Bradley writes of Pennield's posters, giving specimen designs; and lastly come the notes "About Some Men, Some Posters and Some Books." Next time the amount of text (now only Next time the amount of text (now only seven pages) will be doubled, it is prom-ised. Before we dismiss this topic we must transplant the dainty quatrain on the last page, which goes thus:

THE HEART'S DESIRE. Oh, illy! though in raiment fair
Thy virtue is expressed,
The world will pass thee by and wear

LITERARY GOSSIP.

The Bookman tells as follows of a little tilt it once overheard between Frank R. Stockton and Rudyard Kipling. The two gentlemen met at an authors' reception, and after some preliminary conversation Mr. Stockton said: "By the way Kipling, I'm thinking of going over to India some day myself," Do 80, my dear fellow." revited Mr.

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MAGAZINES.

The Century, o'ze the most conservative of magazin is rapidly waking up, it no longer so that have a news value; on the contrary, its buy the same way aumber makes four emphatic concessions to the demand for contemporate of a symposium on the X ray, participated in by seven of our leading scientists and newtors, including Edison; the others consist of an article on The Crowning of a Csar (rendered timely because of all the properties of the sumber as a whole is one of the batther of the sumber as a whole is one of the best that the Century has recently issued.

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novel dealing with the fortunes of war in the same period of our history. Mr. Ross has an opportunity in this field which as a new writer he does well to grasp; it remains to be seen whether he will succeed. Few attempts have been made by American writers to produce historical fiction based on the early struggles of our country to maintain its independence, and/the field is still clear for a successful American historical romance. Mr. Ross only began to adopt literature as a profession last June, but already he has been eminently successful. Several short stories and serial of his have appeared in various periodicals, and durshort stories and serial of his have appeared in various periodicals, and during the next few months his work will appear in a number of the prominent magazines. Clinton Ross, who is not yet 50, prepared at Philips academy, Andover, Mass., and graduated from Yale. afterward traveling in Europe and India. He comes of an old New York statestamily, and it was not until financial disaster compelled him to resort to some means of livelihood that he turned to literature, although he had dabbled as an amateur with coilege papers and published several adolescent experiments.

AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS: Justin McCarthy, the famous historian and political lender, has written for the Outlook a popular life of ex-Premier Gladstone The author of "The Mystery of a Hanstone.

e author of "The Mystery of a Han-Cab"—Fergus Home—has written a mystery romance concerning "The ungle Clue."

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The Fenny Magazine for May contains a story by Ham in Garland-"In the Glance of His Face"—and one by Edgar Fawcett-"Carpe Noctem."

The Macmillans announce a complete edition of the works of Robert Browning, in two volumes, with historical and biographical notes of the author that are included in no other edition.

The ten heroes of W. Clark Russell's latest sait-water romance, "The Tale of the Ten," are ten rogues who ship on a barque laden with gold from Australia. Plenty of violence and bloodshed ensues. Rusyard Kipling has just finished a long story that is wholly American in its subject and scene. It extends to a length of some 20,000 words, and is a study of life among the Saberemen of the North Atlantic Banks. Mr. Kipling spent several seasons at Gloucester, Mass., and this book is the result of his observation among the Shing folk of that quaint old place.

The literary activity of W. D. Howells at the present time is remarkable, says the Bookman. He has just finished his short novel, "The Day of Their Wedding," and will begin the publication of a new story in the Century in June: a third, called "The Landlord of the Lion's Head," will snother by him next year under the title "The Story of a Play."

CHATTER OF THE STARS.

Salvini recently acted Othello in Rome. Clssy Fitzgerald will make her vaude-ville debut next season. Watter Jones will star next season in "The Prisoner Asunder," a burlesque, by

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Sir Honry Irving's next production at the Lyceum on his return from America will be "Cymbeline."

Mme. Mascagni genrally shows her wifely devotion by fainting when her husband produces a new opera.

E. S. Willard's new play is called the "Hogue's Comedy," and Lady Monckton and Clara Poole are in the cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are playing at Brighton in a society play by Hamilton Alde, called "Lord and Lady Guilderoy."

Francis Wilson has conwacted to produce next reason a new and as yet unmanded opera, the music of which is composed by Julian Edwards.

In his boyhood days Paderewski was very poor. At certain seasons of the year he ran about barefooted. Paderewski's father was a tiller of the soil.

The floating theater, a large steambout containing a stage, auditorium and ample apartments for actors, will scon begin its annual tour down the Mississippi, playing all the river towns.

Mr. Sothern's personal income for the year that is now closing amounts to \$69.00. Mr. Jefferson has probably earned \$75,000. Mr. Jefferson has probably earned \$75,000. And it would surprise nobody to know that John Drew has saved \$25,000 since last September.

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With nothing between the audience and with a little lace. I have dressed in a cellar, floating about in an inch and a his changed and bettered the condition of a tors and actresses.

A peculiar custom prevalent in Mexico is that of selling a ticket for a single act of a play. One may see an entire play by purchasing a large ticket with a count of each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for only one act involves a seat outside this charmed direle, and its holder is expected to retire voluntarily at the end of the act of respective and the members are as follows: Separed for this purpose. A ticket for each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for each act, which gives a sitting in the best rows of the orchestra circle, reserved for this purpose. A ticket for each act, and the direction of retired out? when the purpose is particularly rich, while its melodramatic features are of such a cha

GASTRONOMY AND GENIUS.

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A writer who had a dinner with Dickens says the menu was Whitstable oysters, a browned sole, a baked leg of mutton with oysters and veal stuffing and a gin punch.

The same man went to see Carlyle and after mentioning that he had dined with Longfellow told the sage a very funny story which made Carlyle absolutely laugh; but all the philosopher did in return was to ask if his guest would have a cup of tea!

A morning meal with Oliver Wendell Holmes revealed that the cheery autocrat liked cold chicken, veal pattles, liver on toast, game, Cumberland ham and wine. Brigham Young would make a dinner on tripe washed down with beer. Pattl detests great joints and affects dainty French dishes, while her wine cells is are the wonder and envy of connoiseura. Her husband, Nicolini, is something of a cook and can concoct fine dishes.

Remarkable Career of Ellen Beach

Yaw.

COMING

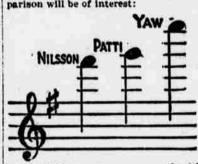
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EVENTS OF

Perhaps no American girl has ever so suddenly set the world ablaze with the phenomenal nature of her talent as that accomplished, supernaturally endower Californian, Miss Ellen Beach Yaw There is no excess of zeal in account-ing hers, what the world is fast ac-knowledging it to be, the most astound-

ing hers, what the world is fast acknowledging it to be, the most astounding sograno voice in history.

America must take pride in this young girl's mervelous leap to the fame now heartily accorded her. She is a tail, heautiful girl, with a wealth of blonde hair, dreamy blue eyes and features of the finest delicacy. Her throat is as graceful as a swan's, her poise and her manner are elegant. She reminds one of Jenny Lind, in that affection and artifice have no place in her expression. Much of her girlhood was spent in California, near La Crescenta and Los Angeles. The greater part of her culture was under the tuition of Mme. Bjorksten, in New York, who later accompanied her pupil to Paris, and placed her under the instruction of the famous Delle Sedie and Bax. From time to time the whispers in Parisian studios about the "fair American marvel" found an echo in the French press, and the Paris Galignani was particularly enthusiastic in her press. She had not dedicated her voice French press, and the Paris Galignani was particularly enthusiastic in her praise. She had not dedicated her voice to the public as yet, so the fair American continued her devotion to her studies. About two years ago, while Miss Yaw was still abroad, the New York Herald, having learned of the prodigious nature of this new voice, published a column article headed, "Miss Yaw's Wonderful Voice:" It declared that voice as having the great-"Miss Yaw's Wonderful Voice!" It declared that voice as having the greatest compass of any soprano recorded by history—a range of nearly four octaves from G below the staff to E in the altisalmo, and expressed surprise that a voice reaching such an altitude should possess such breadth and beautiful quality of tone in the lower and medium registers. The following comparison will be of interest:



Yaw's highest note as compared with highest notes of two famous singers.

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"Female Weakness," some irregularity or derangement of the special functions of womanhood. Very often womb troubles set the nerves wild with affright and as a result the woman suffers from sleeplessness, nervousness, nervous prostration, faintness and dizziness, irritability and indigestion. In all cases of irregularity or suspended monthly function and in all those nervous diseases depending upon local causes, Dr. Pierce's Favorite wrote serious music. At a banquet given by Napoleon III Rossini ate twice of the Italian spaghetti and demolished his portions with gusto.

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Napoleon III had a "porcine" side to his nature. He was rather a glutton and the pictorial promiscuity of his salon quite horrified the Americans who enjoyed his hospitality.

Zola would not take honors as a gourmet. He employs a good cook but eats sparingly binuself and is careful as to wines. His dinners are dainfily served.

Charles Reade could not be induced to taste mackerel. He shirked beef, never tasted soup, beer and fatty dishes. He was fond of mutton and baked apples. He hated to get into evening dress for dinner.

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Laura Joyce-Bell, the eminent come-dienne and contraito, who has achieved such success in Hoyt's greatest com-edy, "A Midnight Bell," in the charac-ter of the "Spinster," has for a number of years past occupied an envisble posi-tion in the estimation of the press and theater-going public as a character-comedienne and contraito of rare abil-ity. Mrs. Bell will best be remembered for her splendid impersonations in the many Gilbert & Suilivan operas pro-duced under Colonel McCaull's manage-



ment, notably for her admirable por-trayal of Katisha in "The Mikado," in which she scored a most emphatic and which she scored a most emphatic and lasting success. Mrs. Bell was formerly a church choir singer and graduated from the famous choir of Dr. Chapin's church, a fact which is vividly brought before her mind in the choir scene of "A Midnight Bell," in which she renders magnificently Gouncd's glorious "Ave Maria." "A Midnight Bell" will be produced at the Frothingham Friday evening, May 15, for the benefit of the Green Ridge Wheelmen.

Of the accomplished planist who will appear at the Yaw concert the Chicago News speaks as follows: "The most artistic feature of the concert was the plano playing of Miss Georgiella Lay, who was obliged to play a recall number after her elegant performance of Liszt's Tarantelle. Her second number was even more important, the Chopin Rondo in E flat. This she played in an extremely finished manner, with much repose as well as fire.

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"And his route takes him over two grade crossings."
"I believe it does."
"And the first thing he did when he got outside the door was to light a cigarette."
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farmer, residing near Columbiaville, Lapeer Co.. Michigan. Speaking to a representative of The Courier-Herald, Mr. Raymond said: "Three years ago last June, one night I suffered an attack of paralysis, brought on, I think, by overwork and as an after effect of paralysis, brought on, I dition of the blood or shattered nerves. The pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent la grippe. After a week my condition was so bad that I summoned a physician and doctored for about six months, with but little relief. For some time I had seen in the

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