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EDITORIAL.
BOOKS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
There is perhaps a wide diversity of opinion as to the books which are proper in a Sunday School library. A strict Sabbatarian would doubtless eschew all with a novelistic tendency; one less strenuous in opinion might countenance those which inculcate religious truths in the form of a mild story, and the ordinary individual with strong religious tendencies would likely admit the religious novel, while the general moralist would allow the historical, and full-fledged moral novel. Years ago the dividing line was quite sharply drawn by the character of the books themselves. There were then comparatively few novels of what may now be termed a semi-religious character. The distinctive Sunday School book, treated as Mark Twain has said, of the good little boy who never went fishing on Sunday, and if he did was sure to be drowned, and have his funeral attended by a lot of little girls who wopt in calico aprons yards too big for them. His characteristic manner of beginning an explanation was "Oh, Sir!" and he never lied to his teacher when he went to Sunday School with wet hair and his shirt on wrong side in front. Later authors modified the character of the hero, expanded his precocious and perhaps somewhat increased the elasticity of his conscience and he became a youth who might occasionally stone a frog or worry a cat, as a safety valve to his exuberant spirits or wicked tendencies. With this transition the mildly religious novel, designed to inculcate high truths, in which the heroine who loved a hero who sometimes swore "Great Scott!" won him back by gentle persuasions and in the end married him to redeem him from the error of his ways. These books became popular and took their place on the shelves of the libraries without serious question. Latterly there have appeared many books of the novel character which aim to instill new religious theories, reflect on the orthodox beliefs, or endeavor by a sensational presentation of quasi Christian character, surrounded by stage settings to win their way to popular approval. The so-called historical novel, which attempts with vivid descriptions and realistic scenes to portray the weakness and wickedness of humanity, which places the sensuous and the saintly in alluring contrast and depicts in fervid language with brilliant surroundings the sins of the heathen and suffering of saints, appeals to the passions as well as the intellect for universal recognition and fame.

The tastes of readers have been cultivated by highly seasoned delineations of character and gorgeous panoramas of scenery. The world reads much to-day, but whether it reads well and that which creates a deep and lasting impression on the mind for what is ennobling, and which stimulates to the greatest degree the beautiful in character and rounds out manhood and maidenhood to the perfect form of intellectual and moral development, may be seriously doubted. The young should be encouraged to read, and a taste for that which is edifying cultivated, and to this end great care must be exercised that only such books as may tend to develop morality and implant in youthful minds the germs of Christian principles should be placed in their hands. Those who select Sunday School books now-a-days need wide acquaintance with current literature and to give careful consideration lest they fall into the depths of vacuity on the one side, or plunge into the spume of unsanctified rhetoric on the other.

Trasny novels and the yellow journals usurp a large place in the literature of this day; superadded are the magazines with so-called short stories and the world of enticing novelettes. Then come those pretentious works which assume to take a high place in the literary world, captivating by the dexterous application of fine phraseology, which often veils poverty of thought. Those who would essay to lead the young minds in the pleasant paths of profitable reading may well remember Hawthorne's reflection that "on the soil of thought and in the garden of the heart lie withered leaves—the ideas and feelings that we have done with."

GENERAL Reader received a vote of confidence in his own county, which attests his popularity among those who know him best. Whether the result would have been the same had he not been the candidate may well be doubted. He can put this victory down to his own personal popularity, and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. It is a gratifying testimonial in the face of the allegations made against him.

SHIPS' RANGE OF ACTION
COLOR QUARTERS "BUSINESS" AS PICTURED BY POOR ARTISTS.
"The pictures in some of the burn-orange newspapers of battleships in action are about as funny as the Japanese idea of prospecting," said a naval officer to a newspaper reporter. "These pictures represent the opposing ships blazing away at each other with 15-inch rifles at a range of about a hundred feet, and the artists certainly work up the thing to make it look terrific enough in all conscience. It's a wonder to me they don't represent the crews of opposing ships in the act of using grappling hooks, as they did in engagements at close quarters in the days of the old 70-gun frigates. As a matter of fact, if either battleship in an engagement between vessels of that day got within such a range of another, or any thing like it, it would simply be a matter of the first shot. One big shell delivered at such a range would leave only the debris of the struck ship floating on the surface of the water. Modern ships of war are not designed to get within any such range of each other in action. The nearest that any of the opposing ships in the great naval battle at Manila got to each other was a trifle over two miles, and what one battleship can do to another at that range is something beyond calculation. The naval engagement of this era is very largely a matter of manoeuvring—of presenting the smallest possible target to the guns of the enemy's ship, and of forcing the enemy to present the biggest hole to the range-finders. When the commander of a ship in the coming engagements can contrive to get his work on the enemy's vessels while only pointing his nose in their direction—leaving them practically only a razor's edge target—he is liable to eat them up. But while there is still a drizzle in the United States Navy called "respect your seniors" the drill is only retained in the manual for the sake of exercising the men, and the only boarding that will be done in the coming fights will be done by prize crews taking possession of beaten ships after the latter have struck their colors.

Art in Sandwich Making.
Ninety-nine women in a hundred making sandwiches for company expected in the evening, and wanting them crustless, will cut the crust off after slicing the bread. Take a whole loaf of bread, cut the sides and top crust off, leaving the bottom crust on. Then, having squared off one end, spread on your deviled ham, sardine paste or whatever you cut a thin slice back to the bottom crust. Release the slice by running your knife down just inside the bottom crust. Then neither the bread nor your temper is cramped.

He Knew His Man.
"I'm thinking of running for Governor, John," said the citizen to one of his colored constituents, "and I want you to help me out."
"The old man looked thoughtful and then said—
"All right, Marso Tom; but I want for ax you one leadin' question."
"Well, what is it?"
"How much is you gwine give me when you gets best?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Passing of Bloomers.
The bloomer girl, once the spectacle of the Coney Island Cycle Path, the Boulevard and Riverside Drive, in Greater New York, is going out of existence very fast. Take a spin on one of the above-mentioned roads any fine Sunday and you will see that the more sedate divided skirt and the three-quarter skirt have taken the place of the once conspicuous bloomer. The change is one greatly for the better.

Cloth From Wood.
Cloth is now being successfully made from wood. Strips of fine grained wood are boiled and crushed between rollers, and the filaments, having been carded into parallel lines, are spun into threads, from which cloth can be woven in the usual way.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
Army and Navy Plans a Secret. Politics in the Executive Hill. Merritt to be Commander of the Philippines. Function of the Naval Board.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23, 1898.
President McKinley, Secretary Long and Secretary Alger are demonstrating the possibility of keeping the movements of our army and navy absolutely secret. Other officials in both the War and Navy Departments know of some of the movements and contemplated movements, but all of them are known only to those three men. They are not known even to the other members of the Cabinet, they having themselves requested that this knowledge be kept from them. Although this policy and the rigid censorship of all telegraph matter sent from points where information of contemplated movements may be obtained has only been fully into effect for a week, its good effects are so apparent that there is no doubt of its being maintained throughout the war. Information of anything accomplished or of any battle on land or water will be given out; it is only news that would indicate contemplated movements that is withheld. Among the announcements that may be confidently expected—that may be made any day—is that the invasion of Cuba has been successfully made, and that the Spanish fleet, now in Cuban waters, has been met and shipped. The two announcements may be simultaneously made, as there are indications that the army and navy are moving together with those ends in view.

It is expected that the Committee on rules will this week report to the House a special rule for the consideration of the joint resolution providing for the annexation of Hawaii. The adoption of the resolution by a majority of nearly or quite one hundred is certain when a vote is taken, but it cannot be voted upon until a special rule is reported. There is politics, and very dirty politics at that, being played in connection with the war-revenue bill, which is still before the Senate. There is nothing patriotic about the motive of the silver men who are a majority of the Senate Finance Committee for striking out the clause authorizing the issue of bonds and of certificates of indebtedness, and inserting in their place nearly \$300,000,000 in paper currency—\$150,000,000 in greenbacks and \$142,000,000 in silver certificates. And there is, if possible, even less patriotism in the manner in which those Democratic Senators who have promised to join the Republicans in voting to strike out this flat money clause and reinstate the clause authorizing bonds and certificates of indebtedness are being urged to ignore their promise and vote for flat money. The radical silver men who are engineering this movement have been disappointed because the first month of the war has not resulted in sending gold to premium. They know that if the bond clause is in the bill as it finally goes through that there will be no probability of any suspension of gold payments by the administration, no matter how long the war may last; and they believe that if they can get flat money authorized, instead of bonds, that gold will at once go to a premium, and that that will in some way be beneficial to the silverites and detrimental to the Republican administration and party. Nice game for men who call themselves Americans to be engaged in, in the face of an expensive—almost a million a day is now being spent—foreign war, now isn't it?

Major General Merritt, who will be commander of the U. S. troops sent to the Philippine Islands, as well as Military Governor of the Philippines, has received his final instructions and started for his far away post. He expects to sail from San Francisco about the first of June. His army will consist of about 16,000 men, nearly one-third of them regulars.

There is much misinformation throughout the country concerning the functions of the Naval Board, usually mistakenly referred to as the "Strategy Board". The Naval war Board is not charged with conducting the naval portion of the war at all. Its functions are entirely advisory. The duty of the board is to keep track, as far as possible, of the movements of our ships as well as those of the enemy, and in the performance of that duty some of its members are on duty night and day at the Navy Department studying the dispatches that are constantly being received. Orders are only given by the President or the Secretary of the Navy, and, as a matter of fact only the general order to find and destroy the Spanish navy has been issued by Admiral Sampson, who has been left free to use his own judgment about how best to carry out that order, the Navy Department, of course, keeping him informed of everything it learns that can be of any possible service to him. Secretary Long's only answer to criticisms that have been made was to say: "we can't whip the Spaniards until we catch them."

A Petrified Rattlesnake.
A strange petrification was recently found in Kentucky which closely resembles a huge rattlesnake. Whether or not it be that in a question upon which scientists are divided.
The curiosity was found by Farmer John N. Brown in the mountainous regions of Wayne County, Ky. When he came upon it suddenly he thought it a big live snake and was frightened. But when he saw his mistake he made an examination and decided that the find was worth removing to his yard, where it now lies. Mr. Brown describes it as follows:
"It has a head exactly resembling a rattler's head, but it is a little larger in proportion to the body—not enough, however, to dispose of the theory of it having been a snake. Its head measures eight inches across in the widest place. It was twenty-one feet long when I first got it, but the relic hunters have broken off and paroled about three feet of its tail. It is sixteen inches in circumference and the largest part of its body which is some nearer the head than the tail. It has the natural taper of the snake; in fact, in every particular it resembles a huge rattler in a coiled position."

WILD BUFFALO NOT SCARCE.
A Canadian traveler who has spent a couple of years in the far Northwest, part of the time along the Peace River, says that there are in that country at least four herds of wild buffalo, numbering altogether not less than 2,000.

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Sales of \$	Tax Class
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Robinson Shepherd,
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