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### CURRENT LITERATURE.

From this item it is evident that some steps are being taken in New York against erotic novels: "Joseph Britton, of the New York Society for the Enforcement of Criminal Laws, accompanied by Detective McCormack, of the Tombs, called at the American News Company in New York city, on August 6th, and placed the manager, Patrick Farrelly, and two clerks, named Edward Everiss and Edward Flannigan, under arrest for selling alleged immoral literature. Britton was also armed with a search warrant, and he seized twelve hundred and forty cheap novels. Their titles were: 'The Devil's Daughter,' 'Speaking of Ellen,' 'An Actor's Wife,' 'In Stella's Shadow,' 'The Clemenceau Case,' 'Thou Shalt Not,' and 'Kreutzer Sonata.' The books were placed on a truck and taken to the Tombs. The defendants were arraigned before Justice Murray and were paroled for examination. Britton said that 'Velvet Vice,' written by Pearl Eyttinge, the actress, would be the next book he would suppress. He is looking for William Floron, who translated 'The Devil's Daughter' from the French. The American News Company, through Lawyer Carney, claimed that it was not aware of the nature of the book."

The *Polytechnic* is the name of a new magazine to be published in Chicago, the initial number of which will be issued next month. Like the London magazine of that name it will be the organ of a Polytechnic Institute, which in this case has been lately started in Chicago, and will be modeled after the famous London institute of similar name, an interesting account of which was given in the *Courier* for June. The first number will be largely descriptive of the work of the institute, especially its trade schools, a peculiar feature of which is that students may earn their expenses while in attendance, and can learn almost any trade. As this promises to solve the vexed apprenticeship, all master associations are warm supporters of the movement. An article on the new Evening Medical College of Chicago is also included in this number. The ladies will be interested in the description of the cooking, millinery and dressmaking schools of the Chicago Polytechnic Institute. Published at Madison street and Fifth Ave., Chicago. Sample copy, 10 cents.

Charles J. Bellamy, profiting by the waning light of his brother's fame, is "working the literary market for all it is worth." His "Experiment in Marriage" exploited an imaginary free-love community, and his latest book, "Were they Sinners?" attempts to discuss a "social problem" by picturing the very earthly love of a young man and a woman who believes herself married, though, in the end, her husband is discovered to be a bigamist. The story is crudely and ungrammatically told. Published by the Author's Publishing Company, Springfield, Mass.

"Scouting for Stanley" in East Africa is the title of a book soon to be published by the Cassell Publishing Company. It is by Mr. Thomas Stevens, who made the now famous tour around the world on a bicycle. He was sent to Africa by the *New York World*, to find Stanley, and, in spite of many obstacles and great opposition on the part of German government officials, successfully accomplished his object. The book is to be profusely illustrated and will contain a portrait of the author.

George Bancroft, the historian, who is now at a hotel at Newport, R. I., is in as good health as during the winter in Washington, but more feeble than last summer. He was then unable to indulge in his favorite recreation, horseback riding, which formerly made him a familiar figure on the avenue, but was able to drive in a carriage. This year he has not yet done that, and the condition of his health is such that probably he will be seen on the streets but little, if at all.

George Alfred Townsend's book, "Katy of Catactin," deals with John Brown's raid, the opening of the rebellion and the assassination of Lincoln. It is an interesting historical novel, betraying considerable knowledge of southern life and customs, and an intimate acquaintance with the lives and environment of the historical personages with which the novel deals; but the literary finish of the work hardly sustains "Gath's" wide reputation as a polished writer.

On account of the large number of advance orders received for Mrs. Custer's new book, "Following the Guidon," the publishers have been compelled to postpone its publication until Aug. 22. Theodore Roosevelt says of this work: "It is a book which is not only interesting, but which possesses real and lasting value as a faithful portrayal of a characteristically American phase of life which has now almost passed away."

The father of Rudyard Kipling, who has just resigned a government appointment he held for many years as head of the Lahore school of Art, is a man of varied attainments, a linguist and clever artist. Asked if he had always the taste for writing, the son said: "What else was I born for? The ink-pot was emptied into my veins and was bound to ooze out through my fingers."

The St. Louis magazine for September displays a new cover and shows evidence of general improvement, internally. Laura B. Parmer has some interesting "Sketches of Arctic Life" and considerable space is given to a well written illustrated article on Kansas City. The regular departments are unusually entertaining.

Marion Crawford's new novel, with its striking title, "A Cigarettemaker's Romance," is not to be brought out until autumn. At the last moment the publishers were made a very tempting offer for the serial publication of the story, and it will first run in this form through the newspapers of Europe.

Mr. Frank R. Stockton has written a novellette for the *Courier* to be called "The Squirrel Inn." Mr. A. B. Frost, whose successful designs for Mr. Stockton's "Ruddler Grange" will be remembered, is to illustrate it.

Senor Valle's new novel, of which the European literary press are expecting so much, will not be published until October. The story is said to be a perfect broadside at the morals of Spanish nobility.

Miss May Rogers, an Iowa girl, has compiled a Waverly dictionary in which more than thirteen hundred characters of Scott's novels are described with illustrative extracts from the text.

"Kreutzer Sonata" continues to be the reigning literary sensation. Wananmaker made this book when he condemned it officially.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward's (Elizabeth Stuart Phelps) "The Master of the Magicians," from the same press, enters into its six thousand.

The author of the new novel "Throckmorton," Miss Molly Elliott Seawell, is a niece of ex-President Tyler.

"Want" Ads for the Journal. In order to serve the convenience of its patrons who may wish to use the "want" columns of the *Journal* the *COURIER* office will receive such advertisements at the regular rates and transmit them to the *Journal*.

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