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voting his this year's course to the history

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his own views on the general subject. Says

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Napoleon brutally arrested the natural

course of evolution by which the condition

of women has been constantly improving, ever since the time when she was a mere

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direct conflict with the customs of our day, since a gentleman will always hesitate to

use the rights which the law gives him over his wife. And, finally, he declares in so many words that he believes in allowing inquiry into the paternity of illegitimate children (such inquiry is now forbidden by the French law) as a means of protection to girls and he demands for women complete.

girls, and he demands for wemen complete equality not only of civil, but of political

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her husband with four bouncing bo Mr. Cleveland will be puzzled to For two thousand years, says an article quoted in Current Literature, ever since the Romans plighted their troth with a tiny iron

band, the magic circle has kept its hold upon the world. But will that hold be as firm in the future? It must be remembered that, after all, the ring is nothing more than a symbol—that the putting on of a ring is not necessary to complete the legal cor tract of marriage. Nor are signs wanting that its star is already on the wane. The engagement ring may be regarded as doomed, since Princess May substituted an engagement bracelet for the conventional ring of betrothal. She has not, indeed, declined the "mystic symbol of the union of hearts" presented by the Welch people to the duke of York, but the refusal of the engagement ring might fairly be regarded as the first step in the path toward the abolition of its more important successor. There is yet another argument against the wedding ring. The ring was adopted as the outward and visible sign of power and authority. In the olden days, when messages were sent by word of mouth, it was the custom, in order to prove the authen ticity of the bearer, to entrust him with the signet ring of the sender. Thus, when a placed at the head of his household, that lelegated authority was made visible to the world by conferring upon her the all-important ring, the only distinction being that the woman wore her ring on the left hand, as being the inferior hand of the two, while the man, as lord and master, carried his upon the right or superior hand. In a day, therefore, when the woman claims the authority in her own right and scornfully repudiates the idea of being "delegated," it would be only consistent for her o refuse the symbol.

A unique Christmas gift, made this year eas one sent to Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake. president of the New York Woman's Suf-rege association, by the veteran woman suffrage worker, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton. It was a little flat pin cushion, covered with sage green silk on one side and with deli-cate lavender silk on the other. It was filled with pins and, the accompanying letsoft, white hair.

an especial aptitude for nursing. No proession is better suited to them than that of the professional nurse, and the daughters of well-to-do colored families will find this work expecially pleasant, as it is far removed from the drudgery which must be especially distasteful to the colored woman who has received a good education. The New Orleans University Medical college decided a few menths ago to open a training school for young colored women. of excellent reasons were given by the Medical board for opening the college to colore women.

The death of Duke Wilhelm of Wurtemourg has revived recollections of a romance n his family which awakened considerable interest at the time, says the Lady's Picto rial. Some seventeen years ago the late duke's favorite niece. Duchess Pauline of Wurtemburg, made the acquaintance of a young doctor from Breslau, who had been called in to attend her mother, while in Carlsruhe. The result was such strong mutual affection that the duchess announced her intention of following the dictates of er heart at all costs, even if it meant that she must sacrifice name and rank before she could marry a simple commoner. Her decision aroused a storm of opposition and all kinds of difficulties were raised, at one time threatening the young couple with entire separation. Opposition, however, only rengthened Duchess Pauline in her determination, and she wisely appealed to her encie, who, touched by her constancy, gave his consent as the head of the ducal line, to the match, and slienced all objections. The marriage took place soon after in the little church at Carlsruhe, the duke himself giving "Pauline von Kirchbach" away. As Frau Dr. Wilhelm the duchess now leads a simple but perfectly contented existence with her clever husband and family, consistdeep sorrow to her.

ered a guarantee of good breeding, and of every quality going to make a good wife or a good teacher. The daughters, the granddaughters, the sisters and the nieces of knights, or officers of the famous Order are alone eligible and nine-tenths count among their immediate forebears distin guished members of the French army or navy. Since Mme. Campan—whose amusing memoirs throw perhaps the best light on the world of the first empire-to whom Napoleon confided the organization of the establishment, six women, all distinguished for "virtue and learning," have worn the broad ribbon of the Legion of Honor in quality of temporary mothers to the hters of France. Each girl is prepared their quality of temporary mothers to the daughters of France. Each girl is prepared for some active working career. A considerable number become teachers, either in the institution itself or in the government schools, and quite a proportion make happy marriages, which are, however, entirely arreaded on a Franch basis. ranged on a French basis.

An enterprising cooking school teacher uns an attractive restaurant in connection with her class. When her pupils have made and cooked a drinty dish they are allowed to taste it only. When the class is dis-missed at noon the various dishes that have been evolved from the lesson are sold to appreciative customers, who drop in regularly for a luncheon that an epicure might enjoy.

Not all the miners of Butte are men. About two-thirds of the way across the flat east of the city a woman, Mrs. M. E. Fritz, is engaged in sinking a shaft on a claim known as the California. She is performing the work herself, and, in addition to this

The friends of equal rights for women, the windless; she is making good headway in Paris are rejoicing over the acquisition and finds encouragement in the fact that she of a valuable new recruit. M. Jacques Flach, has struck a streak of gold-bearing ore which assays well. Mrs. Fritz is the widow of the late William Fritz, and prior to taking up professor of the history of comparative

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her residence on the flat occupied her own house west of Missouri guich. It is reported of the late Phillips Brooks that when a distinguished Englishman spoke of writing a book on his American impressions, the great divine gave him this bit of advice, 'Don't do it. In the first place, you haven't any impressions, and i the sec

he second, they are all wrong."
The Englishwoman who said to a recently arrived American in London, "Did you com all the way from America without stopping? was not more vague in her ideas on the geographical position of our continent than is the average English traveler in regard to the habits and tastes of our women. "I was told in Bermuda," said an Eng lish officer, with the credulty of his class "that the New York ladies all chewed gum and that what is called the reformed dress

was universally worn on the streets This, in spite of the fact that he had met home and abroad, and yet he was ready to believe any statement, ho exaggerated, about their national habits Most of the so-called Americanisms that ome out in Punch and pass current as uch in society, are coined for the English demand. "I shall be considered very dull" said

in M. Flach's opinion, the changes in the law which he desires would tend to promote good morals and the stability of the young English lord, after several months passed at Newport, "if I come home without any new Americanisms, and I really have not gathered any," he added, regretfully,
"Why, that is easy enough!" answered
his hostess. "We will make up as many as
you like. We always furnish them to Engwill be remembered, elicited a personal letter from President Cleveland in 1892 by nces. Now, Mrs. Scott has presented husband with four bouncing boys and lishmen when they leave us," and, with the assistance of a clever young man, also a guest, half a dozen "Americanisms" were concocted, which Lord — gravely en-tered in his notebook, and each of which they all had the joy of hearing afterward quoted as "one of those dreadful American colloquialisms which are constantly used in their best society.'

> Seventeen young native women recently passed the examination at the Medical School of Agra, India, and one of the number, Miss. Singh, made the second highest mark in

> The Dowager Duchess d'Uzes has becon the leader of a conservative woman's rights society in Farls. Her associates are Mme Schmahl and Mme. Monod. "The Avant Courriere" will dissolve after three reforms have been wrought, so as to escape being confounded with several promiscuous woman's rights movements. At their re-cent meeting they discussed the right of serving as witnesses to deeds, to which a present only men can legally place signatures. They adopted a badge showing a tin set in jewels, rising over the brow of a low hill of sterling silver.

Here is an anecdote, said to have been related by Mrs. Scott-Siddons herself many years ago, when a friend asked what had impelled her to go upon the stage. In the early '60s she was living with her mother, the widow of an Indian officer, in a seaside village. They were very poor, their lodg-ings were more than humble, and the girl was anxiously wondering how she could contribute to the support of the little family. The problem was a hard one, for in those days the "sphere" of woman was smaller than now, and their opportunities to make money were not numerous. Mean-while her immediate duty was to try to make the shabby rooms pleasant and home-like. While engaged in this task she discovered that an old cheffonier which stood n one corner of the sitting room had only three legs. The missing fourth member had been replaced by a crumpled-up news-paper which, judging from its dusty condition, had not been disturbed for many years. Mary Siddons removed the paper, found that it was a very old copy of the Annual Register, and, on glancing over it, was stuffed with the maker's own of her great-grandmother in some long-for-te hair. found a long article detailing the triumph seek fame and fortune as an actress. Being beautiful and intelligent, she soon obtained a chance to test her histronic abilities, and won enough of success to raise her mother and herself to what, compared with their

previous state, seemed almost like wealth. Mrs. Althea Briggs-Stryker, the wife of the state superintendent of public instruction. Mrs. Stryker was a prominent populist long before her husband was publicly known, and has won a state reputation as a speaker in defense of the equal suffrage cause. She spends from six to ten hours a day on the floors of the senate and house in the inter-est of her favorite plea. She is a woman of magnetic presence, and has a faculty of rallying an enthusiastic following. She is 30 years old and a quiet-voiced but positive leader. The fact that she has an-nounced her intention of voting at the next state election has created an interest in the probable result of the attempt.

Two years ago a woman employed as a clerk in the Colorado senate became a suc-The profession became essful lobbyist. alarmed, and have succeeded this year in getting a law passed excluding women em ployed by the senate from the floor of the chamber for anything but business purposes

maids. When he attended church on Sunday the whole congregation rose as he departed and climbed upon the seats to get a better view of him.

Miss Ellen Kay, a Swedish woman, has at-

ing is becoming; when a man is courting he is more interesting than he has ever been or ever will be again. Whether it be Jockey who dons his Sunday coat to propitiate his goddess of the hay field, or the fine gentleman who swears at his valet for a speck of dust when dressing for a certain important interview, he is worthy of notice; and even

hat, says a writer in the Observer. The preacher disappears until nothing remains but a voice. And with the hat standing up against the spot where the voice is, and the modulated sentences breaking against it, how is attention to be fixed upon the sermon? The mind grows lax, the quiet and sweetness fills the whole visible universe, and in coluntarily one's thoughts center upon it. is a wonderful construction. There is There are bunches of feathers, disposed, apparently, with a view to prevent anything from being seen between them whichever way the hat is turned. And there are stalactites of ribbon, upright and immovable, which still further obscure the horizon. Occasionally one gets a momentary glimpse of the in gesticulation, but it seems a mere detached fragment uselessly beating the air. The preacher himself has disappeared as if he had never been. The only thing visible when the hat is turned for a moment is another hat of the same kind further on.

Bookmarkers are popular again, after hav ng for some years been laid aside newest are of fine colored cord, and have a "lucky" coin at one end and a full rosette of the cord at the other. Baby ribbon may be used instead of cord, if preferred, and alm anything that will hang may be employed as a drop-beads, sequins, gold tassels, bracelet charms, pompons of all sorts and sizes, for instance. Of course, the price of the book marker must depend upon the value of the pendant. Two-leaf shaped pieces of white eard, or vellum stuck together for about a third of their length at the stalk end, make charming bookmarkers. Needless to say much of their success must depend upon the way in which the card is painted to resemble way in which the card is painted to resemble nature as nearly as can be. A crown, a stalkless flower, a lizard or crocodile, the figure of an imp or gnome, suggest other shapes for these simple little bookmarkers.

Are women becoming more marriageable which have been freely paid to her."

The Woman's club, of Denver, Mrs. Sarah Platt, president, is one of the largest in olorado, and numbers 630 members, with nore than 100 now on the waiting list Mrs. Platt was warned that she should limit the number of members or she would have trouble in managing the organization, and its exclusiveness could be called into question. She replied "that it was as easy to manage 1,000 as 500, and she saw no reason why a benefit of the cosy, pretty club rooms and the music and literary entertainments given in them. She believed it wise and kind to let women know and see something higher and better than scrubbing and dishw and thought they would make all the better housekeepers for their one weekly outing." The results have justified Mrs. Platt's wisdon

West End.

Current Literature

Stories ar: a dramatic and teraely written etching called "What the Albatro's Saw;" a Chinese sketch, written by a lady whose mother was of that nationality, and clever stories by W. Bert Foster, F. E. Hamilton, Francis Tillou Buck and others. In addition are translations from French and German tales by Henri Lavendan, Jules Lemaitre and Schone. Not only devotees of golf, but many others will be interested in the amusing story entitled "The Obsession of Brown, by W. G. Sutphen

personal experience as a traveler to give a realistic parrative. His two heroes contracted much attention to her native land by her efforts to ameliorate the conditions of working men. Jointly with Dr. Anton

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During the tour through Canada I had attributed the strange conduct of the women to an excess of loyalty. As soon as the prince of Wales had left a hotel they would rush into his rooms, seize all sorts of arti-cles, from a furniture button to a soiled towel, as souvenirs, and even bottle up the water with which he had just washed his face, writes Stephen Fiske in the January Ladies' Home Journal. But in the United States the women were equally curious and sycophantic. The luggage of the royal party was carried in small leather trunks—a trunk for every suit of clothes—and whenever the ing of a 15-year-old son and two younger daughters, and the death of the uncle to whom she owes her happiness will be a come of these trunks might be handed out. and women would fondle and kiss them. I If he had done nothing else, Napoleon I would have deserved well of France as the founder of the admirable institution where the daughters of those whom their country delighted to honor receive a good education and a start in life in a fashion that savors and a start in life in a fashion that savors and a start in life in a fashion that savors in the life in a fashion that savors in the life in a fashion that savors is sentered by the women and the pillow-nothing of charity, says a French paper, which is a fashion that savors is sufficient to the life in the life and a start in fife in a fashion that savors! was entered by the women and the pillownothing of charity, says a French paper.
Indeed, the mere fact that a girl is or has
been a pupil at the St. Denis "Legion
d' Honneur House of Education," is considmaids. When he attended church on Sun-

> by her efforts to ameliorate the condition of working men. Jointly with Dr. Anton Nystrom she founded 'the Working Men's Institute of Sweden, which now owns a handsome building in Stockholm and branch establishments in all the provincial towns. It has courses of lectures by the towns. It has courses of lectures by the lectures lectures by the lectures by the lectures lectures by the lectures lectur towns. It has courses of lectures by the most distinguished literary and scientific authorities of the country on historical, philosophical, scientific and literary subjects, adapted to the comprehension of laboring men, who attend in large numbers, which she attended with her husband. Sug-Swedish literature is the topic treated by Miss Key, who, in addition to her philan-thropic labors, has done literary work, pub-lishing books, chiefly on sociological thropic labers, has done literary work, publishing books, chiefly on sociological themes. One is a biography of Anne Charlotte Leffler, duchess of Calanello, who is widely known through her sketch of the life of Sonia Kovalevsky. Miss Key is a sort of lay confessor of the working classes, who come in crowds every Sunday to her on every larger's for February opens with an armonic content of the modest lodging to consult her on every possible question, from family tiffs to conroversies about wages. She is a believer in socialism for Sweden, but only as transitional means to larger ends. She de sires the enfranchisement of women.

There was a cynical fellow in the middle ges, writes Emily Balley Stone in January Jopincott's, who, under the sarcastic title, 'The Fifteen Joys of Marriage,' wrote an the work herself, and, in addition to this, she splits her own cordwood, takes care of the horses, attends to her household duties and spanks the children herself. The shaft on the claim is now down about ten feet and is still going. Although working to a disadvantage (she fills the bucket and then climbs up the ladder and takes a turn at

ence in the issue of marriage licenses:
Yet the genial philosopher's advice, which
is an evertasting shame to Mrs. Judy, was
perfectly decided. The truth is, men will
not take advice which they do not want, no
matter who offers it. They know that all
the world loves them when they are lovers and so the vain creatures will go a-wooing. All the pretty business of kneeling and sigh-ing is becoming; when a man is courting he he freg, when he will a-wooing go, becomes the freg, when he will a-wooing go, becomes a bero fit for poetry. The uneasy period of couriship tries the souls of men and shows what stuff they are made of and therefore the manners of men of the fifteenth century when marrying or trying to marry indicate very fairly the refinement of society at that

This is what happens to the man behind the of the sanctuary tend to distraction, the hat rellow rose trembling on a long stem with every movement of the wearer's head, and one begins to calculate the extent of its arc.

Somebody, writing in London Woman, flatters them that they are. The writer declares that they are not so ready to rush into natrimony, certainly, for their lives are no onger stunted and empty, and they are perhaps inclined to subject suitors to a little more mental criticism. Moreover, men are, happing, not so eager to marry young. "I think we shall find, as the world goes on, nore happy marriages to rejoice our quality of benevolence, for the reasons that I have ust stated are deep and powerful incentive o happiness. If only each sex would more ully realize the honor done to it at the altar the other! The nicest, most chivalrou earted men sometimes say that half their leasure in a wife consists in taking car of her, yet one cannot help agreeing with the saying of some writer that 'a woman, in order to give her hand with dignity, must be able to stand alone.' The gift is then com-plete, open hearted and generous; a meet return for the honor, grace and reverence

General Booth of the Salvation army says there are 5,000 homeless women in London above the age of 50 years. They subsist by cleaning doorsteps, selling watercresses, picking rags and collecting refuse, and find shelter at night where they can. The army hopes to open a home for them in the

The February St. Nicholas contains a story by George Kennan, "A Siberian Scare," in which he tells one of his expeciences in the wilds of that country. That ne was visited by a veritable superstitious peasants firmly believed, although Mr. Kennan penetrated to the bottom of the mystery. Julia Taft Bayne furnishes a paper about "Willie and Tad Lincoln." who were playmates of her brother. She tells of their pranks in the white house, and describes what was probably the first and only minstrel show given in that building. The program of the entertainment, rudely traced in Tad's youthful hand, is reproduced. Mrs. Bayne also tells of "Mrs. Lincoln's Zouaves," made up wholly of officers. There are many other pleasing sketches, poems and jingles in the number, which is handsomely illustrated. The original features in February Short

"Under the Pacific" is the title of the Lippincott's Magazine novel for February-

Harper's for February opens with an ar-ticle by Richard Harding Davis on the coronation at Mescow. The illustrations, includ-ing the frontispiece of the number, are by R. Caton Woodville, who was present at R. Caton Woodville, who was present at the coronation under a royal commission from Queen Victoria. A series of illus-trated articles on the Mexico of today, called "The Awakening of a Nation," begins in this number, their author, Mr. Charles F. Lummis, having admirably caught the progressive spirit of our sister republic. To those who have read Mr. Pouliney Bigelow's entertaining article on President Kruger,

fection is of unusual range and variety. The piece de resistance is the fifth installment of George du Maurier's "The Martian." "The Stout Miss Hopkins" Bicycle," a humorous romance, is by Octave Thanet. "The Assembly hall," a tale of colonial days, is by Sara Beaumont Kennedy, and "A Pasage at Arms' is an episode of American student life in Rome, by John J. a'Becket. The Century for February contains three serials, viz., the conclusion of Mr. Marion Crawford's novelette, "A Rose of Yesterday," the fourth part of Dr. Weir Mitchell's "Hugh Wynne," and the continuation of General Borace Porter's recollections of Grant in the field. The short stories are "A Man and Some Others," a tale of the vestern plains, by Stephen Crane, and "Miss Sellna's Settlement," a story of New York society, by Mrs. Burton Harrison. In addition to these Mrs. Schuyler Ven Rensselaer, who knows New York by heart, contributes an illustrated paper on 'Places in New York," the topics of which range from the slums to the opera. "The Hattle of Copen-hagen," by Captain A. T. Mahan, is the third of this distinguished writer's studies of Nelson's victories. A symposium in the direction of a comparative study of the late war is supplied by Generals S. D. Lee, Joseph Wheeler, E. P. Alexander, E. M. Law, D. C. Buell, O. O. Howard and Jacob D. Cox

in consideration of the topic, "Why the Con-federacy Failed." Harper's Bazar, published on February 5, contains the first paper of a series by Little Hamilton French, entitled "Spinster Homes." There is also a letter from the Bazar's London correspondent, and a story by Helen E. Smith, entitled "The Widow of Pierre." During the month of February the fashions for the coming spring will be outlined, and interesting designs for Lenten work will be given in great variety.

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In the February number of Scribner's Mr. Henry Cabot Ledge contributes an essay, "The Last Plantaganet," in which he finds a congenial theme for, his analytic faculty in a study of the real character of Richard III as compared with Shakespeare's interpretation. Senator Ledge believes that nterpretation. Senator Lodge believes that if Richard had been "a little more thor-ough and a little more cruel" he would have died "a good old man," and he would have left an immense reputation as "the king who stamped out feudalism, opened the who stamped out feudatism, opened the door to learning and civilization, brought crows and people together, consolidated the English monarchy, and set England on the triumphant march of modern days." The second paper on "A Great Hotel," by Jesse Lynch Williams, shows the intricate organization, the many checks and kalences and zation, the many checks and balances and economics, the advertising and executive ability, that go to the making of the peculiarly American development—the great hotel. There are three short stories. Robert W. Chambers, author of "The Red Repub-lic," appearing with a Breton tale of mys-tery entitled "The Messenger."

In Harper's Weekly for February 6 John Kendrick Bangs begins a new serial. The 'ursuit of the Houseboat," a clever sequel o his amusing story, "The Houseboat on he Styx." It is illustrated by Peter Newell, and will run for about three months. Rapid transit in New York is the subject of a pro-fusely illustrated article giving the latest letalls of the plans prepared by the en-neer, Mr. Parsons, and adopted by the apid transit commissioners. There is also a brief account of Nansen's adventures in reaching the farthest north, condensed from his forthcoming volume, and strikingly il-dustrated by T. de Thulstrup. The Black Cat for February has an even

The Black Cat for February has an even balf-dozen stories, "The Lost Paradise," by Geik Turner, and T. F. Anderson; "My Invisible Friend." by Katharine Kip; "Pendarvis, the Cracker." by Allen Chamberlain; "Le Bretagne," by W. A. Fraser; "Carmen Gutierrez," by Edward Sylvester, and "Regina," by Grace Frances Bird. A notable paper in the February McClure's Mr. Hamlin Garland's account of "Grant in the Mexican War." It is original and important, both in its point of view and in its material. The personal recollections of General Longstreet and others who fought beside Grant through the war, and two un-published letters written by Grant himself from the field describing the movements and operations of the army, combine with the rest of the paper to exhibit, in their first exercise, those peculiar qualities of faithful-ness, coolness, sagacity and modest hereism which later made Grant the inevitable leader in the civil war. The paper is fully illus-

trated. Other features of the number are a bailed by Kipling and a new installment of his "Captain Courageous;" four short stories, a series of life portraits of Washington with a survey of his life by W. P. Trent, and particularly interesting article by Mr. H. J. W. Dam on "The Making of the Bible." The February Ladies' Home Journal opens a striking article, "When Kossuth Rode Up Broadway" the fourth of its "Great Personal Events" series. In it Parke Godwin recalls the unprecedented demonstration and inthusiasm with which the Hungarian exile was welcomed to New York; also his patriotic but vain mission to this country. Charles Dana Gibson's second drawing of Dickens'

people-portraying Dick Swiveller and the Marchioness-worthily occupies a prominent place in the magazine. The February number of Current Literature has in addition to its weil-filled and interesting regular departments a signed article by Hamilton W. Mabie; an appreciation by W. D. Howells of the verse of the young negro poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar; young hegro poet, Faul Laurence Dunbar; a page of selections from the latter's recently published "Lyrics of Lowly Life;" a page of verses, the work of Johanna Ambrosius, Germany's peasant poet; a reading from Paul Leicester Ford's new book, "The George Washington;" one on The Punish-ment of Authors and Books from Alice Morse Earle's "Curious Punishment of Bygone Days;" a story from the pen of Robert Cameron Rogers; another by Shan F. Bullock, and a special article on "Young

Among the striking articles in the February Godey's, is the "Three Sultans," by Emma Paddock Telford, who reviews the history of "The Unspeakable Turk" history of The Unspeakable Turk with vigor and a tense fidelity to the truth. Grace E. Drew continues her "Modes and Manners of Seventy Years," bringing the listory of fashion to the year 1850. The reproductions of the old fashion plates which accompany the article are plentiful, quaint and interesting. A very timely article in this issue is Mrs. Martha McCulloch-Williams' contribution on the marvels of orchid culture, which is illustrated with many pictures of famous specimens of these

American Writers of Today" by Edward S.

strange flowers.

Three notable papers characterize the February number of The Bookman, namely:
M. A. De Wolfe Howe's paper on "Washington Irving;" Harry Thurston Pock's Living Critic article on "William Dean Howells" and Edwin M. Bacon's first on "Old Boston Booksellers." are liberally Blustrated. Other features of the number are equally interesting. MAGAZINES RECEIVED.

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