# sonages; and the change thus effected to gather most of the facts for his Ancient CRITICAL STUDY OF HISTORY

Sound Knowledge of the Primary Requisite of Historical Writing.

A MULTITUDE OF ANCIENT ERRORS

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Conspicuous Misrepresentations of Facts\_Veteran Falschoods Attacked and Overthrown by Modern Writers.

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III. The laws that should regulate any study are not to be laid down a priori by any mortal on his ipse dixit. They must be ar-rived at by reasoning. To discover them we ought to consider in particular the end in-tended in that study, and then find out ought to consider in particulation and out To promote the good purpose of the can do the remaining clouds, we think we can do the remaining clouds, we think we can do the remaining clouds, we think we can do the remaining clouds. what process is best suited to attain this end. As oratory is meant to convince and persuade, and therefore should be such throughout as to produce posiviction and persuadic, so history being intended to inpersuasion, so history being intended to instruct should be so composed as throughout most efficiently to convey sound and use-ful instruction. For this purpose the Veritas imperet! knowledge imparted must itself be of the soundest kind, and it must be conveyed to

the reader's mind in the manner in which violated in history are many and various. It can best be received and retained. On They are suggested by the different phrases this brief code of historic laws all critics of Cicero's rule: The first rule, he says, is are agreed.

And, in particular, no critic would dare False statements will be first subjected to to deny that the knowledge imparted must the light of cur X rays. Next, he says, "it be of the soundest kind. Truth is the pri-should dare tell the whole truth." Unmary requisite in historical writings, and just omissions will be next scrutinized. Let all the world, in theory at least, agrees with there by no suspicion, he adds, of favor or Cicero when he writes (De Or. II, 15): "Who dislike. This matter, I mean to treat under does not know that the first law of history three heads: Unfair innuendoes, faise theis that it shall never dare affirm what is ories, blind prejudices. false; secondly, that it shall dare tell the whole truth; that there be in the nerrative whole truth; that there be in the nerrative no suspiction of favor nor of disilke." A child such in our historical readings we must may be delighted with a play of fancy; but a man who is a man indeed, in his more carnest moments at least, wants truth, and carnest moments at least, wants truth, and values it more highly than any amount of poetical imagery. As we get older and wiser we care less for what is imaginary and more for what is real. We then understand that an historical work is not to be appreciated so much by the beauty of its style as by the weighty teachings of wirgain a point. dom which it contains. We learn as we get older to esteem a man more highly on account of moral worth than of physical and mental power, to praise a good, honest and prudent man, though he wears a mean appared far man though he wears a mean and procent man, though he wears a thean apparel, far more than a well dressed fop with empty head, conceited mind and de-praved heart. But even in youth, truth is to the mind what good food is to the body-an essential element for its development and healthy condition

MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS. For the absence of truth in history nothing can atone, no style however beautiful, no name however popular. If a history is false in matters of great moment, it is like poisonous food; better not to touch it than to have all its contents theroughly assimilated. unless we be provided with such antidote as will render the mental poison compara-tively harmless. And still it is certain that historical works abound in misrepre sentations of facts, in erroneous principle and erroneous conclusions. Therefore so many minds of young and old people are saturated with mental and moral poison imbibed from the fountains of faise histories as the system becomes hopelessly vitiated from the miasma of a marshy soil. Such men spend their lives, often active and influential lives, with false views of govern ment, of society, of human nature, of re ligion and moral principles; false views their highest duties and of their weighties interests. Such are many misguided philan thropists, revolutionists, socialists, anarch ists and nihilists; men, perhaps, many them, at least, who might have been the strength and the glory of their respective nations, and who, through false views of honor and of rights, are become the bane o They are the blind leading the society. blind; and their number is daily increasing in our own beloved land of liberty. It is, of course, not pretended that all er-

rors of historians are equally pernicious If misstatements occur about the numbers of men that perished in a given battle, about the armor of certain troops or the name of their commanders, no material harm I done, no hindrance is put to the learning

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proves that of late history is no more what Talleyrand called it in his day, "a con-spiracy sgainst the truth." nor need we say now what Sir Robert Walpole said to

his son Horace: "Quete me not history, for that I know is faise." Every year of this century has seen some veteran faisehood attacked and overthrown by some doughty champion of truth; and still many other misstatements and mirrep-resentations stalk about challenging every bold and averthrown and averthrown of the second state of the second sta resentations stats about chain modern cru-bold and honest knight in this modern cru-sade. Within the last two or three dec-Egyptian hieroglyphics the extensive discoveries made all through the ades alone," wrote Frederick Schlegel in discoveries made all through the east by scholars and antiquarians has been achieved and produced in this department that historic knowledge has been, on the most ancient portions of the bistory of our race in the homes of its of time as formerly in an many centuries. Despite these acquisitions however, history of acrilia to Phoenicia, Syria and Assyria, Cyprus and Lucia, Phrygia and Armenia, Persia

great extent true at present. They say "At the present day one cannot without unpardonable ignorance adhere to such a history as has been written by good old Rollin and all the tribe of his followers. What would be said of any professor, or man ments as we meet them, to discover them where they are most carefully hidden, so of the world who would now speak of four elements or of the three quarters of the habitable globe-who would, with Ptolemy, make the sun move around the earth? And TRUTH VIOLATED.

yet it is much in this style that the great majority of our historical works speak even Now the ways in which truth has been now on the subject of Egypt and Assyria. The absolute necessity of the reform of which we speak must, therefore, be ob-

vious to every one." Still we need not throw good old Rollin into the fire, as might be inferred from this criticism by an incautious reasoner. Much may still be learned from his precious olumes if proper discretion be used. George Rawlinson, in his Ancient History (p. 19) ives us a correct view of this matter earlier portion of this work (Rollin's An-To begin with false statements: In order

clent History)," he says, "is now an-tiquated and must be replaced by writers who have had the advantages of recent discoveries." Rawlinson's own learned volconsider the principal sources whence they discoveries." Rawlinson's own learned vol-arise; we shall study them under the fol-umes and the Ancient History of the East lowing heads: 1. A want of reliable docu- of Lenormand and Chevalier will ments; 2. An indiscreet zeal to promote a most of what is needed to correct and sup cause; 3. Presumption, or judging without plement the statements of Rollin and his proper examination; 4. Pandering to popu-lar prejudices; 5. Deliberate 'falsehood to numerous followers.

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE. A want of reliable documents: Of the historians who have thus been led into false statements, we have a striking exam-Dr. Gale, medical superintendent of the Kentucky lunatic asylum, on one occasion dismissed an attendant, and said in speaking of the matter to Luke Blackburn, who everence and even with affection; he dewas then governor: "He struck one of the patients and I discharged him." "Dishis style reveals him to us as a most amiable harged him!" thundered Blackburn, in an character; and of learning he was a prodigy nstant wrath. "Why did you do that? By in his day, over four hundred years before he Christian era. He had probably goue -, sir, you should have killed him. If a to more trouble to acquire his copious in

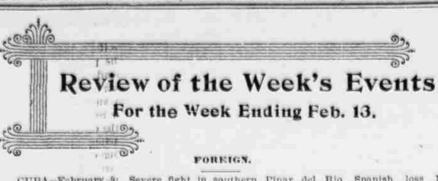
nan were to strike one of those poor unormation than any other historian has fortunates in my presence I'd strike him ver done, traveling through extensive porown upon the spot." ons of Europe, Asia and Africa, in the tays when travel was neither easy nor safe

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M. Martini, the celebrated gunmaker, who for comfortable; his books were the work of a lifetime, and the treasures he collected died recently in Switzerland, began to make ere invaluable. He visited in person all rifles forty years ago. It was not until he places of which he speaks in his Uni 1869 however, when a combination of the versal History, and that he was a careful observer is apparent from the detailed ac-Martini breech action with a Henry barrel was selected from a large number of rifle inventions and submitted to the British government, that he achieved fame and ount he gives of every object. count he gives of every object. Take, for instance, his description of the Sgyptian crucedile; see how clear and sgrptic it is, how copious in detail and almost throughout how accurate, and withal how interesting: "I proceed now," he writes (B II paragraph 68), "to describe the nature of the crocedile, which during the four sectors. the croccdile, which during the four se-erer months in winter eats nothing; it is ployed at the government factory, and it is erer months in winter eats nothing; it is quadruped, but amphibious; it is also viparous and deposits its cggs in the sand; estimated that each Martini-Henry rifle costs England about 48 shillings.

he greater part of the day it spends on hore, but all the night in the water, as Dr. Mary E. Walker has again begun to eing warmer than the external air, whose "Time," says the Washington Post, "has that I have seen or known, from being at dealt very gently with the doctor and he brown hair, carefully trimined after the styl first so remarkably diminative, grows to so vast a size. The eggs are not larger than of a college professor, has yet very few silve threads. Her dress is that of a man, an of geese; on leaving the shell the oung is proportionally small, but when arher shirts, collars and cuffs are in the lates lved at its full size it is sometimes more style. A little red carnation adorns the lape of her coat and her overcoat has a shor han seventeen cubits in length; it has eyes like a hog, teeth large and prominent in cloak over the shoulders with a velvet co conortion to the dimension of its body; but lar. This remarkable woman owns consider able property near Oswego, N. Y., which, for unlike all other animals, it has no tongue. It is further and most singularly distinthe further and most strong ranger jaw. Its the last quarter of a control, one determinent, inving to donate either to some government, to the state or to some wealthy individual who will construct thereon a hospital for the the open air its sight is remarkably ate, but it cannot see at all in the water. throat and lung troubles ' living in the water, its throat is always ull of leeches. Beasts and birds universally word it, the trochilus alone excepted, which,



CUBA-February 9; Severe fight in southern Pinar del Rio, Spanish loss 15, uban 7; stone building blown up by insurgents in outskirts of Havana, while Spanish patroj was passing, killing 15. February 10: Dr. Gaspar Betancourt, released Monday, expelled from Cuba. February II: Spanish authorities notify government that Sylvester Scovel will be given civil trial, but must be held at Sancti Spiritus, where he was arrested; Captain Blanta, with 200 insurgents, trapped in an ambuscade by 500 Spanish troops near Mariel, retreats and soon springs an ambuscade on his pursuers, routing them with severe loss and capturing large supply of rifles and

SPAIN-February 8: Publication of reform decrees for Cuba severely criticized party organs and Weyler's recall insisted on as necessary to success of the February II: Communication from Minister Dupuy De Lome accepts tenders policy. Red Cross society.

ENGLAND-February S: Prince of Wales presented Dr Nansen with the special medal of the Royal Geographical society. February II: Farewell banquet tendered Minister Bayard by Royal Societies club at London.

TURKEY-February 7: Several Cretan villages burned and inhabitants seek refuge in British and French vessels; two ironclads in repair at Toulon ordered to prepare for an expedition to Crete. February 5: Greek squadron arriving at Canca did not salute Turkish flag. February 9: Christians at Canea hoisted Greek flag and invited Greek fleet to train on the city. February 10: Commanders of foreign men of war notified captains of Greek war ships that no isolated action of Greeks, bombarding Canea, will be tolerated. February 11: Torpedo flotilla com-manded by Prince George dispatched by Greece to Island of Crete causes great enthusiasm at Athens. February 12: Heraklion and thirteen villages in Crete reported in flames, and massacres contin

OTHER LANDS-February 7: Plague broken out at Kandehar, Afghanlatan plague at Bombay setting beyond control, even vultures on "Towers of Silence dying; serious riots at Hamburg owing to collapse of dockers' strike, followed by nearly 100 arrests. February S: Fanatical insurgents under Gonzhirlo patrol rivers in steam launches mainly in province of Babla, in Brazil, and devastations causing reign of terror. February II: British defeat forces of the emir of Nupe in West Africa with fearful loss only one European hurt: serious famine reported in southern Russia, peasants eating horses and rats. February 12: News from Slam reports ample amends made for insults to German representative at Bangkok; Mussulmans at Trip oll pillage a Jewish synagogue; advices by steamer Empress of China indicate recent reports from Philippine Islands to have been garbled through Spanish press consor-

### CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE-February 9: Committee on appropriations reported favorably \$200,000 for Transmississioni Exposition, \$125,000 to complete the Omaha postoffice and has made available in the general deficiency bill \$75,000 for the South Omaha building. February Senate bill passed to prevent carrying obscene literature and articles designed for indecent or immoral use from one state or territory into another. SENATE-February 8: Bill rearranging judicial districts of Texas passed over

president's veto by vote of 57 to 1. February 10: Senator Morgan announces with-drawal of the Nicaragua canal bill for present session; agricultural appropriation bill passed carrying approximately \$3,250,000. February 11. Diplomatic and consular appropriation bill bassed carrying \$1,645,308. February 12: Bill passed authorizing appointment of an additional judge of United States circuit court in Indian Territory, and joint resolution introduced to abrogate Clayton-Bulwer treaty with Great Britain laid on table; confirmed nomination of Martin A. Knapp of New York as interstate merce commissioner

JOINT SESSION-February 10: Electoral votes of the forty-five states formally counted and election of McKinley and Hobart as president and vice president re-spectively proclaimed, the vote being: McKinley 271, Bryan 176; Hobart 271, Sewall 149 Watson 27.

# LEGISLATIVE.

NEBRASKA-HOUSE-February 8; Bill favoring woman suffrage defeated by vote of 45 to 36; bill passed providing for a public library committee and for organiz ing a system of traveling libraries for the state: February 9: Bills recommended go on general file, providing for location of a normal school at Scotia, Neb., enabling women to vote at municipal elections and authorizing county commissioner. to appoint judges and clerks of election.

SENATE-February 8: House bill passed for appropriation of \$40,000 for incl dental expenses of present legislature. February 9: Bills passed to recount the ballots cast for constitutional amendments relating to judges of the supreme court, providing for full net weight and measure in all articles sold in original packages. providing for counties to vote bonds for crection of county buildings at special elections, requiring that-chattel mortgages on household goods must be signed by both husband and wife, reducing time in which appeal may be taken to supreme from one year to six months, and for insuring treatment of infants to prevent future blindness. February 19: Joint resolution passed memorializing congress for ratification of treaty of arbitration signed between United States and Great Britain. February 11: Bill introduced to prevent intimidation of voters in exercise of the elective franchise; bill passed defining a legal newspaper. February 12: Committee in Jeffcoat. contest reports against contestant.

OTHER STATES February 8: Bill introduced in Idaho lower house appropriating \$20,009 to Transmississippi Exposition; both houses in South Dakota adopted favorable committee reports on equal suffrage amendments. February 9: Tennessee legislature of a Sunday night (where, by the way, he addressed the largest audience that ever passed bill prohibiting sale of eigarettes or eigarette paper. February 10: Montana egistature voted down a woman suffrage measure by vote of 41 to 27. February 11: Lower house at Des Moines passed bill to make mulct law apply to special charter cities. February 12: Movement of Kansas legislators to enact a maximum rate law resulted in consideration by railroads of a compromise on a 29 per cent horizontal reduction on freights; resolution passed Utah lower house to investigate recent sena-torial election; Kansas lower house passed bill to abolish the metropolitan police system, and senate passed a resolution asking for the initiative and referendum to be submitted to popular vote in shape of an amendment to the constitution; Missouri senate passed the anti-trust bill, which nullifies all contracts for sales with trusts.

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# AMUSEMENTS. \*\*\*\*

Probably the most distinguishing feature ; particular as during the run of four which it was given last season at the Casino, New York. The scenery and costumds were replaced with new and the entire original in local theatrical circles of a week which presented few distinguishing features, was the remarkable and allogether unprecedented company was ro-engaged with the single ex-ception of the role of Cleopatra. For that Miss Frances Burkhardt was secured and has business done by Mr. Woodward and his company at the Creighton. It will not suracen most pleasantly received throughout the pretent tour. Miss Louise Royce is still prise any one who tried too late to get sents for one of these performances to learn the lively apprentice Abydos; Walter Allen that on one occasion, which probably marked is King Ptolemy, Greta Risley the queen, the flood-tide of the business, 555 standing Louis Cassavant the royal Egyptian weather prophet, and Leonard Walker the music beacher, Platmigan. The chorus received especial mention everywhere last season, and room tickets were sold, and that the seating capacity of the theater was tested twenty llines in two weeks. They were very well-behaved and orderly crowds, too. The men is retained entire for the present one. The musical part of the production is in charge of Frank Palima, who has been its musical their deats between acts quite as genraily as those do who make up mure pre-suitors audiences, and the line, "Ladies, lease remove your hats," which appears will be made in prices. prominent places on every page of the theater

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eater play-bill, was guite universally eded. Some heads of hair were the eby covered which had evidently trusted on the Francis Wilson will appear at the Creigh-Francis Wilson will appear at the Creigh-ten for three nights, commencing Thursday, February 25 with a new comic opera, "Half a King," words by Harry B. Smith and munic by Ludwig Englander, who have re-vised and rewritten it from the French of Letterrier and Wanlos. The story of "Half a King" is said to be full of active scenes and continual movement. Duke do Charten otection of a hat to conceal the ovidences of a hasty toilet. But what of that? Nobody went there to see somebody's coiffure. is singular that a fact so welf-evident should ot be as widely recognized by fashionable

a roug is said to be tail of herity method and continual movement. Duke de Chateau Margaux, being heavily in debt, wishes to marry his son, Hanore, to Luciade, daughter of the wealthy Duke de la Roche Trumenu. The contracting parties arrange to meet at a The Woodward company has appeared here on several former occasions, and has been favored with constantly increasing patronage. Few can be found to deny that it has de-served all it has received. Its performances, pleasure resort, where not only the wealthy congregate, but also mountebanks and bo-hemians. The leader of the mountebunks, Tereeven judged on their merits, will compare quite favorably with those of a number of other organizations which have exacted ten schappe, is there with his adopted daughter, Pierotte, her would be lover, Mistigris, and a band of followers. Honore is in love with times the Woodward price of admission from a long-suffering public. But people who pay 10 cents for a dramatic entertainment are apt to go with very slender expectations; Pleratte, who saves him from assault and robbery by the mountebanks. Tereschappe robbery by the mountchanks. Tereschappe and his followers then capture the Duko de 14 Roche-Trumeau, with his secretary and his daughter, and, disguisting themselves as the mount of the secretary and secretary and be and the secretary and s and in the case of the Woodwards it may truthfully be said that their expectations are always more than realized. The com-pany as at present constituted contains come de Chateau Margaux. Pierette, who imexcellent material, the plays presented are well selected, with a view to plensing the class of theater goers to which the cheaper personates Lucinde, is about to be married to Honore, when Lucinde, who had managed to escape, appears and induces Pierette to repertory companies usually cator, and the animated picture machine is a perpetual to escape, appears and induces Pierette to renounce her plan. Terreschappe and Pieretta resume their mountebank costumes and re-turn to their old life. The girl is about to wed her lover, Mistign's, when the party is arrested for kidnapping buke de la Roche-Trumcau. Explanations follow and it is learned that Pierette is the daughter of the kidnapped duke by an early alliance. The identification is brought about through half of a playing card, the king of diamonds, which was standed to Pierette's clothing source of delight. All in all, it would seem that if Omaha is ever ready for a summer season of cheap theatricals, it will not be necessary to look further than Mr. Woodward for the man to provide it.

The advent of Frank Daniels in comic wakening a considerable amount of interwas attached to Picrotte's clothiag est among his many admirers in Omaha, who will doubtless see to it that his engage-ment here is properly patronized. With both houses taken up for what seems a which when Terrschappe found her. The duke produces the other half of the card. Honore and Pierette are betrothed and everything ends happily. long period of time with a class of enter-tainments not specially popular among the

John E. Henshaw, who has been long and favorably known in this city, will be the egular theater-goers, the appetite of the public should have been so whetted that an attraction of this magnitude and charattraction at the Creighton for three nights, commencing Sunday, February 21, heading heading Daniels used to be a very funny little man large company of comedians in "The New Nabobs," which this year bears the ad-ditional title of "Dolge at the French Ball." His last appearance here, in "Little' Puck." at Boyd's four or five seasons ago, is still This popular farce in its new dress is promised to be even more eujoyable than easurably remembered. There is no reason to doubt that he is fully as amusing heretofore and a prosperous engagement is ntleipated. Seats will be placed on sale le has a very fair singing voice, which Thursday morning. s an attribute not too common among light

pera comedians; and he is reported to have Creighton Music hall will be opened as a which first-class vandeville resort Saturday, ruary 20, under the management of Paxton & Burgess. Performances will be given nightly at this new place of amusement, with ent far to confer upon the early Hoyt farces the success which they undoubledly attained. His "Wizard of the Nile" is said the exception of Sunday. The pragram will be changed weekly and every effort will be be a suitable vehicle for his especial uipment as a fun-maker, to be well con and to give employment to some very clever made to please the patrons thoroughly. A number of well known vaudeville favorites rincipals and to a large number of spec will assist in entertaining.

The Nebraska Music hall this week precents several new entertainers, the list of estures including the following: The Fanas, acrobatic dancers and aerial balancers; the Morrells in their sketch, "Pastime: Mae Dayton, Joe Osborne, Effie Norris, Maud Dayton, Nellie Bond, May Cameron, Dolly Bishop, spectacular dancer: May Ellsworth crowded itself into that particular sacred edifice); with Otis Skinner and Frederick Warde and a score more of scholarly actors ignor Zrenyi, the equilibrist, and Bertha King.

#### The True Remedy

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Iil. Chief, ays: "We won't keep house without Dr. SRYNE King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. o other remedy can take its place in our

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wisdom on the part of the reade errors are pernicious which affect the prac tical conclusions drawn from the facts nar-rated, above all, when those conclusions regard the highest interests of humanit

Willfully to falsify history is one of the most detestable crimes that men can guilty of. If it is a barbarous act, and one not tolerated by the laws of civilize. warfare, to poison the wells from which eve the enemy are to drink, what crime must i be to polson the wells of a friendly city Still, this poison only infects the body tha must die sconer or later; but the falsific of history poisons the fountains of the mind destroys too often the eternal welfare o souls, and loosens the bonds of human so clety.

ERRORS POINTED OUT.

It is therefore an important task to poin out the principal ways in which the fountain of truth have been poisoned in histories that such fountains may either be entirel avoided, or their waters used together with proper antidotes. This task we are perform ing in the present critical study of history If it is necessary for this purpose to crit icise with severity some historical work which in many respects are the pride of lit erature, it is not that their real merits are denied or ignored; but their brilliant beau ties entitle them to special consideration besides, the poison must, for the commo good, be pointed out there where it is mos frequently imbibed, and where the water containing it are the most refreshing andelicious

Of course it is not supposed that many of our great historians have striven delib misrepresent what they knew be the truth. The critic deals with the lit erary productions themselves, and not with the motives of the writers, except in as fa as these enable us to understand their work and to appreciate them according to their true deserts. Besides, we remark with pleasure that within this century a vaschange for the better has taken place in instorical writing with regard to the all important rule of fidelity to the truth; and much of the glory of this reaction belo to the great English and American histo rians, to Maitland, Lingard, Hallam, Ma-caulay, Allison, Miss Strickland, Allies Prescott, Bancroft and others of the moder

Owing to their devoted labora, many in veterate prejudices have gradually been lessened, many atereotyped misstate nent have been generally abandoned, and others are daily getting more and more out o fashion. "These stories," writes Macaulay, referring to contemporary accounts of "Popula Plot," are now altogether exploded. They have been abandoned by statesmen to aldermen, by aldermen to clergymen, by clergymen to old wemen, and by old women to Sir Harcourt Lees." This is undoubledly true of must leading historians, though ever with some of them there is wide room left for improvement. But in multiludes of text books, cyclopaedias and other second hand compilations, only the grossest mis-statements have been omitted, while a vast amount of misrepresentation remains, and the stream of literature that carries down historical knowledge to future generations i still far from being pure and wholesome.

MODERN HISTORIES.

Still the improvement made in all de-partments of history is very great. If any one, for instance, will take the trouble to compare the Encyclopaedia Britannica of 1842 compare the Encyclopacita Americana of the same year with Appleton's publication of the new American Encyclopacita of 1859, or, better still, with its later editions, he will be de-lighted to see what progress has been made in this respect. To take a particular ex-ample look in the Encyclopacita Britannica ample, look in the Encyclopaedia Britannica of 1842 for "Leo X." a name which had even then been redeemed from darkest cal-umples by the honest historian Roscoe, and umites by the honest historian roscoe, and you will find some very scricous charges against that conspicuous figure of the Re-naissance period. In Appleton's new cyclo-paedia all these slanders are laid aside, and he stands forth as a truly grand character, human, indeed, but yet shining effulgent amid the constellations of great men. The slanders now laid aside were such as af-

amid the constellations of great men. The slanders now laid aside vere such as af-fected causes and principles of action as much as they beamirched historical per-

Frank Thomson, the new president of the rom a sense of gratitude, it treats with kind-Pennsylvania railroad, was a pupil and ess. When the crocodile leaves the water reclines itself on the sand and generally otege of the road's inspiring genius, "Tom" cott and he has been continuously in its ervice since he was a boy of 17-forty years cott and he has been contin ward the west, with its mouth open; the ochilus entering its throat destroys the ago. As first vice president his nam recently been almost as familiar to th ago. eches, in acknowledgment for which serve it never does the trochilus injury ral public as that of the lamented Roberts A MULTITUDE OF ERRORS.

Parhaps it is not so well known that Mr Thomson achieved a brilliant record during Recent travelers confirm these details, exthe war in the construction of new lines of railway and the reconstruction of abanept the item regarding the trochlus. Icrodotus must have confounded a single doned ones in Virginia. He was then only 20, and it is related that Stanton, on taking nstance he witnessed with a general habit. But of course past events could not have his advice, said to Colonel Scott: een observed by him; they had to be aken on the authority of other men, and 1.5 possible that we have walted three days get the opinion of that red-headed stripling hus he was led into a multilude of errors; The "stripling" is now at the head of the et not with that credulity which is often greatest railroad system in the world. attributed to him. See, for instance, how

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the qualifies his account of the fabulous bird, the Phoenix (Book 2, Sec. 73): "They have also another sacred bird, which, except in The Washington Post says that Henry Watterson is passionately fond of music and a pathetic and tender melody always picture, I have never seen. It is called brings the tears to his eyes. "Lovin: he phoenix. It is very uncommon, even mong themselves, for, according to the hear it is upon him, the brave Henry will Heropolitans, it comes there but once in sit down to the plano, surcharged with Chopin, Schubert, Wagner or Gounod. Then the course of 500 years, and then only at the decease of the parent bird. If it bears the trouble begins; what with defective iny resemblance to its picture, the wings are partly of a gold and partly of a ruby night, a restless, nervous organization, the music in him surging for expression, he olor, and its form and size perfectly like he eagle. They relate one thing of it which makes a wild slap at the bass, probably striking the wrong note, to his intense torsurpasses all credibility: they say that it comes from Arabia to the temple of the sun, bearing the dead body of its parent ture—starts in on something which is as wild, weird and ominous as Alpine thunder to wind up with a climax which makes him closed in myrrh, which it buries," etc. vibrate in his seat, and leave him an ex-hausted wreck, with a world of music still But on many occasions he simply records shat he heard or read, leaving his readers o form entirely their won judgment as in sock I, sections 2, 3. Still in his narrative is frequently becomes so graphic, telling unexpressed, his sensitive car and refined taste telling him that the effort has be vain, in spite of a naturally fine touch and an artistic temperament." natters of the distant past with all their

east details, that it is very evoldent he ould not have learned all that he relates, Archbishop Keans has been appointed h the pope canon of St. John Lateran, in Rome. "The appointment as canon, says the Baltimore Sun, "is one of the most lucrative but he must have drawn on his fortile imag-nation for the minor features of the events. 'The great events are, no doubt, faithfully elated,'' says Macaulay in his Essay on gifts in Romo in the power of the pope. is in the nature of a sinecure, at least listory, "so also are, no doubt, many of the ong an one remains in Rome, for the canon ighter circumstances; but which of them put in an appearance at their church when they please and as they please. As canon is impossible to ascertain. We know here is truth, but we cannot exactly decide where it lies." But we know now more than of St. John Lateran, Archhlahop Keane will be required to say offices both morning and evening. For this he will receive some-Macaulay did in his day; we have discovered that many even of the important events thing over 400 francs a month. Accor to the number of times he assists at According have been erronsously narrated. But the fault lies in the want of reliable documents. offices his recomponse will be increased, the Two learned French writers of our times, money being divided in what are known scientists and historians, favorably known to as 'distributions.' As each canon enters his stall at the beginning or end of each recitastall at the beginning or end of each recita-tion of the divine office his name is taken iller, in the preface to their manual of the Ancient History of the East, correctly reby a clerk sitting in the lowest bench of the choir. The appointment of Archbishop Keane as canon is believed to be the first mark: "We can now appreciate at their true value the ideas-crude and confused even the best of them-which the writers instance of an American prelate or priest receiving this honor. There are several foreigners canons at Rome, and among ons whose languages they did not know. an historical tradition probably althem is one Englishman, but no Americans

and of an instruction that probably and early falsified when they gathered the few ragments which they have preserved. Nevertheless, we may and we ought still to Ex-Attorney General Williams of Kansas peak with respect of the accuracy with thich Herodotus has related what was told im by the Ecvetians and Desited what was told in by the Ecvetians and Desited what was told ners were simply killing to the practical Quincy boy. "I'll drive that fellow off the river," Mr. Williams declared one day, and so he did. Mr. Williams got himsel, tocollected. But to reproduce as a whole the facts which they relate and to give them as an account of the chain of principal gether one day and wrote the rottenest sort of alleged verses. These he signed "The Unbuctered Bard," and caused them to be vents in Egyptian and in Assyrian history a not to give a summary of that history suitable for young people, for it would con-vey an absolutely untrue idea. printed on ccaras brown wrapping paper, such as grocers used in those days. Then he stole up to Warsaw, and in the dead hour of night he posted the "Unbuttered Bard's" verses all over town. This took the The stories of Heradotus and Dioforus "The stories of Herobound and Distortion about the Egypt and Assyria are no more a real history than one of our own country would be which suppressed the invasion of the barbarians, the feudal period and the reconceit out of Hay in an hour. A stern resolve came into his face, and the next week he left the town, going to Springfield, where

February 11: Announced that no further extension of civil service rules will be made during present administration; Eterman, Gage, Alger, McKenna and Wilson de-clared as only names that will authoritatively be given as members of next cabinet until after inauguration. February 12: Reported that Tammany's candidate for mayor of Greater New York will be Richard Croker, provided he consents; Ohio Republican league convened at Zanesville

# COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

NEW ENTERPRISES-February 5: Confidence Gold Mining and Tunnel company Hooper, Neb., authorized capital stock \$2,000,000; Mechanical Railway Signal company Omaha, capital stock \$10.0,000. February 9: The Molly Hill Gold Mining company Wyo., capital stock \$1,00)(0).

BANK FAILURES-February 9: State Savings bank, Atlanta, Ga., capital \$190,000 deposits \$75,090. February 11: Bankers' Exchange bank, Minneapolis, Minn. February 12: Commercial Savings bank of Leeds, suburb of Sloux City, Ia., liabilities \$11,500, assets \$07.950 MERCANTILE FAILURES-February 9: Pennsylvania Smelting company, Salt

Lake City, Utah, assets \$30,000, Habilitles \$370,000. February 11: The Odd Fellows Mutual Life Insurance company, Milwaukee, Wis.; Central Bell Telephone company of Venezuela at La porte, Ind., capital stock \$460,000. February 12: McIntyre Bros. & Wilson Dry Goods company, Oskaloosa, In., Habilities \$38,800, assets \$40,000.

### CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES-February 11. King & Uhl block, Cleveland, O., loss \$100,000; thirty buildlogs in business part of Plano, Tex., loss \$100,000, February 12: Four-story building at Chicago occupied by George F. F. Foster, dealer in uniforms, loss \$100,000, also hadly damaging six-story building adjoining occupied by Powers & O'Brien, claborate saloon; Western Department building, Ottawa, Ont., loss \$160,000; Lancaster Medical institute Lancaster, O., Dr. Simon of Jackson, W. Va., Keeley patient, perished.

SUICIDES-February 7: Bert Bishop shot and killed himself, despondent through kness, aged 25; Joseph LaFond, Omaha, aged 23. February 8: Hugh Halfin and Charles Leaman of Scotia, Neb., or vicinity asphyxiated in hotel at Grand Island. Neb.; Mrs. N. S. Burnham of Chicago took chloroform at Stark, Fla. February Peter Nelson, typhoid fever patient near Wayne, Neb., despondent over recent death of wife and child, cut his wrists with penknife. February 12: Andrew Pickett, aged 77, found in room hanged to bed post.

OTHER CRIMES-February 7: E. S. Warner, former bank cashier, arrested on charge of embezzlement at Columbus, Kan.; Henry Thompson, alias Lotumsky, sup-posed to be one of Hirschberg pawnshop robbers, arrested at Chicago. February 9. Members of Davis gang of burglars arrested at Omaha made confession; westbound Santa Fe train held up near Nelson, Ariz., one of the robbers killed and escaped with little booty; store of F. A. Claussen, Beatrice, Neb., burglarized. Feb. ruary 10: Footpads badly hurt and rob Charles Drinkwater, secretary Canadian Pacific railway at Montreal. February 11: Ed Day, another member of Davis' gang of burglars, arrested at Omaha: February 12: Rev. William Tennise, colored, of Kanaas City arrested on charge of burglary at Osceola, Kan.; Mark W. Townsend arrested at Ritzville, Wash., charged with murder of his wife ten years ago in Grant county, Wis.; W. W. Barnes, cashier of Cudahy's branch house at Brooklyn, N Y. arrested for embezzlement; Wilbur Flowers convicted at West Point of hog stealing, and his brother, Thomas Flowers, declared not guilty,

ACCIDENTS-February 7: Collision between freight trains on Louisville & Nash ville road near Montgomery. Ala., ki'ls engineer and brakeman and fatally injures the fireman; steamer Buckeye State stranded in Blue river near Louisville, considered carefulness and completeness of the produc-tion seemed to achieve success at a bound and placed Mr. Daniels among the foremos total loss, valued at \$40,000; steamer Natchez seriously damaged about twenty miles February 8: Admiral Bunce's squadron reaches port at Charleston below Vicksburg. of comic opera comedians, as he had previously been among those of the dramatic S. C. with the Markiehead seriously damaged, three men drowned, one crushed to death and seven hadly hurt. February 9: Collapse of scaffolding causes twelve men to fall a distance of 150 feet in Cornwall, all killed; Union Pacific eastbound overland tage. In a year not especially kind to producers of comic opera, this company and opera, which is the same as will be seen at för far unsped track at Omaha, killing Fireman Thomas Krause and fatally injuring Engineer W. H. VanNby. February II: Eight-year-old Katle Stawicz struck and tilled by a Milwaukee freight train at Omaha; steamship Mackinaw went aground at the Creighton tonight, was stated to be most prosperous, and was admitted unquestioned to rank with organizations for many years before the public. The opera was from hands known to be competent, the libretto being the work of Harry B. Smith, the author of "Rohn Hord" and many other attraction Marrowstone Point on Pacific coast; twenty sallors of the British steamer Cayunis drowned in wreck mear Us ante France. February 12: Paul Wagner and wife asphysiated in bed at Milwaukee by coal gas; boller explosion in coal mine at Weathers. field, O., killed John Willock and badly scalded two men. 'Robin Hood' and many other attractive tories, and the music by Victor Herbert, the ioloncellist and leader of Gilmore's band.

WIFE IS NOT ALLOWED TO TESTIFY. witness, inasmuch as her husband was a co

Prosecution of a Member of the Davis Gang Brought to a Halt. The police struck a snag Friday afterioon in the prosecution of Ed Johnson, alias Ed Willie, one of the alleged members of the Davis gang of burglars and thiever. Johnson was being tried on an information charging burglary, in which he was named the two men of burgiarizing the residence. of Rev. Charles E. Taylor on North Twentyseventh street of a quantity of silverware and other articles. Davis had been arraigned and had waived examination. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,200. Immediately thereafter Johnson had been arraigned. He pleaded not guilty, and

Mr e persuaded to speak to an audience of home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, High school pupils and their teachers or Miss Rose Eytinge or Miss May Hobson nay consent to address a woman's club, or remodies, even if they are urged on you as Herne may be prevailed upon to just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery, They are not as good, because this remedy cupy a pulpit and talk about the relations of church and stage. In Omaha, so far as has a record of cures and besides is guarknown, no actor's voice has ever been

comic opera as he was in farce comedy

st none of that irresistible drollery

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nore can be demanded in the way of an

With James A. Herne occupying the pul-

it of an orthodox church in Kansas City

nd actresses lecturing from time to time

people of other cities upon topics con

nected with the stage, the question some-imes suggests itself. "Why is it that Ornaha as never availed itself of the similar privi-

eges which it undoubtedly might enjoy?"

is not easy to find a satisfactory answer.

anteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bot-tics free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. reard in any public place except a theater. Ithough doubtless any of the players men-Thirty great labor strikes took place in loned, and many others, would willingly let the public see the less familia formany during the year 1896 not one of which was successful. More than 100,000 employes were involved in these various ide of them.

Now, on the principle of verburn sapi nti, it may be suggested that Mr. Hernvill soon play an engagement in Omaha, pringing his beautiful pastoral play, 'Shore Acres,'' which has been seen here finally returned to work without having accomplished their purpose. but never with him in the cast. t remains to be seen if any minister, or odox or heterodox, will invite him into its pulpit if his stay includes a Sunday.

The young people who sang "Pinafore last month for sweet charity have been in-duced to repeat the entertainment at a matthee in response to a general desire ex-pressed both by those who saw the original rformance, and by those who, being ut ble to secure desirable seats, stayed away on that occasion. A good many rough places, asoparable from a first amateur attempt, will doubtless be smoothed down with a and orchestra, which are quite unchanged in composition, have been hard at work during the past fortnight, and all are con-fident that the second performance will be decidedly better than the first. Prices of the past performance will be eats have been radically reduced for thi natinez,

> Coming Events. Last year a new comic opera attraction

The company was as competent, the scenery as elaborate and the costumes as costly and diversified as the wide scope of the story and

witard Kilcoan, forced to make love to the Cleopatra of history, when a girl of 16, and to struggle ineffectually with her absolute ignorance of love, was admitted to give wide opportunities for mirth to that comedian. The music of the epera has be comedian.

ome popular even where the opera itself

has not been presented as yet. An interest-ing circumstance in connection with this opera's success and one which has never been accorded previously to any American opera is that its popularity has attracted the

ommanded the attention of the musical orld. Frank Daniels, who had been touring Shrewd Buyers his country with his own comedy company for many years, and had frequently amused s with his character of "Old Sport" in a Rag Baby," and with "Little Puck" and ther plays, formed a business arrangemen with two young managers, LaShelle & Clark, organized a comic opera company bearing Mr. Daniels' name, and produced "The Wizard of the Nile." The popularity of the star, the attractiveness of the opera and the Are placing their orders with us.

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witness inasmuch as her husband was a co-defendant. It was argued that she must necessarily implicate her husband, thus caus-ing a violation of a rection of the statues which does not allow a husband or a wife to testify against the other. The state must husband the statues of the statues maintained that the wife's testimony could be properly taken, inasmuch as the husband had already passed beyond the jurisdiction of the court by being bound over. Palice Judge Gordon held with the defense as co-defendant with Churles Orleans, alias and would not allow Mrs. Davis' testimony Davis, the leader of the gang. It accused to be introduced against Johnson. As a result the case against Johnson. As a missed and another complaint was filed against him, charging him with the same burglary. This is to be heard next Wednes-day afternace. day afternoon.

# Chautauqua College.

attention of managers across the ocean, and it has already been given a production in the German language in the Carl theater, Vienna, and a London presentation of "The Mrs. Mary Garard Andrews lectures be-ore the Chautauqua college at the First Wisard" is now rapidly nearing its time at the Prince of Wales theater. the disaster of the battle of Pavia. Neverthe-from Josephus, is the character of the bastle of reacter of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the white house from Josephus, is the character of the man in the would never, the defense objected to her testi-have left Warsaw, and leaving Warsaw is It is from such authorities that Rollin had