

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Most Interesting Account of the Philippines, Their Resources, Climate and People.

BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIR HOLIDAY CARDS

Latest Works of the Romance Writers and Other Books for Holiday Season—Story of the Spanish War as Depicted by a Camera.

The last fortnight has been full of activity at the leading publishing houses of the country and the week to come will be equally so.

A work that may be considered as especially timely is "The Philippine Islands and Their People," by Dean Worcester.

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A very recent work is "The Potentate," by Miss Forbes-Robertson, which has originality in both style and matter.

H. B. Marriott-Wilson has told an excellent story in "The Adventurers," which deals with the exciting experiences of a young London lawyer in a wild country.

"The True History of the Missouri Compromise and Its Repeal," by Mrs. Archibald Dixon, is a work that will appeal to the widest circle of readers.

During the last two months attention has been directed to new boys' books by James Otis, and quite recently an extended account was given of this voluminous writer of juvenile literature.

The makers of books as well as magazine publishers have given a great deal of attention to the late war and episodes growing out of it.

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HUNT IS IN A TIGHT PLACE

Cross-Examination of the State's Witness Gets Down to Business.

HIDING BEHIND STATUTORY PROTECTION

Refuses to Answer Many Questions Because of Fear of Incriminating Himself and Forgets All About Important Transactions.

The cross-examination of A. J. Hunt, the principal witness of the state in the case in which W. F. Bechel is charged with embezzlement, which has been in progress since last Friday, was finally completed yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday morning the examination was brought back to the destruction of credit letters by the witness. He stated positively that he had not destroyed stub No. 818, but after his attention was called to the fact that he had said the day before that he had torn up this stub and thrown it in the street, he qualified his answer by saying that he might have done so.

"Did you not destroy these stubs," continued Mr. Connell, "because you thought it would be to your advantage to do so?" "I refuse to answer," said the witness, "on the ground that it might tend to incriminate myself."

The same answer was returned to other questions along the same line and the defense insisted that since the witness had voluntarily gone into this matter in his direct examination, they were entitled to answers in the cross-examination.

On this question there was another tilt between the attorneys, in which the ruling of the court was decidedly favorable to the defense. Connell insisted on an answer to the question, and the county attorney contended that even if it was proved that the witness was short in his accounts, this was no defense for Bechel.

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