

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Another Detective Story by the Author of "The Leavenworth Case."

LETTERS OF CAPTAIN ALFRED DREYFUS

Important Religious Work on Sin by Bishop Foster of the Methodist Church—Many New Works for Next Month.

"Agatha Webb" is the title of a new novel by Anna Katharine Green. This novel is unlike other detective stories by the author of "The Leavenworth Case," in that the scenes are laid in several parts of the world. It is like the best of Anna Katharine Green's other works in that every incident excites and sustains the curiosity of the reader. Miss Green's ability to make the reader suspect all her characters in turn as the story progresses is well exemplified in this account of a sudden death and the discovery of the cause. Agatha Webb is a benevolent old woman who meets with a violent death (by a dagger thrust in her breast) in the middle of the night, and the problem set is to discover by whose hand she died and the motive for the deed. The ingenuity displayed in the story and the novelty of the motive invented prove how really skillful she can be in a skill not less marked by the variety shown in her different books. The contrast between "Agatha Webb" and its predecessor, "Lost Man's Lane," is an excellent one. In either of these and "The Leavenworth Case" or "The Forsaken Inn" or "Behind Closed Doors" or any of the other dozen volumes she has published. And this diversity appears not only in the method by which the crime, "The Leavenworth Case" and "Behind Closed Doors," is committed, but in the accompanying incidents, the dramatic personae and the scenes selected for the plot to be unfolded. The slow death from starvation of a young bride thrust by her husband on her wedding night into the cocoon and forgotten room of a country inn, the most agonizing though perhaps speedier death from suffocation of six or seven people suddenly precipitated into a hidden pit dug by a maniac, and to an old-fashioned way of the "quick" and "the plot" of an old and wealthy man in the library of his city home and the almost instantaneous death by self-administered poison of a girl at the very moment her sister in the room below was being carried to illustrate the great versatility that Miss Green is capable of. Surely no one can complain of much sameness in her writings. Miss Green is a most voluminous writer, and among her books may be mentioned "The Leavenworth Case," "Hand and Ring," "A Strange Disappearance," "The Sword of Damocles," "The Mill Mystery," "Behind Closed Doors," "X. Y. Z., '77 to '12," "The Old Stone House," "Cynthia Wakeman's Money," "The Doctor, His Wife and the Clock," "The Three Enigmas," "Dr. Izard," "Marked Personal," "That Affair Next Door" and "Lost Man's Lane." G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, Cloth, \$1.25.

"The Letters of Captain Alfred Dreyfus to His Wife" have been translated into English and are now accessible to the public. It is more than probable that the mere publication of her husband's letters to Mme. Dreyfus will seem to many readers, at first thought, an outrage on good taste and decency which evoked many criticisms of the character called forth by the Browning letters. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that in giving her husband's letters to the world Mme. Dreyfus has practically assured his release and under no circumstances would she have consented to make them public had she not been convinced that they would be the best witness in his favor that could possibly be procured. It was for this reason alone that she would have an opportunity of reading the passionate, despairing, hopeful and altogether woeful letters which Dreyfus wrote from the different prisons in which he had been confined. When all the circumstances are taken into consideration one feels that Mme. Dreyfus has done the most open, the one that would be most beneficial to her husband. It is certain that these letters would compel one to believe that their author was innocent of any crime. They cover the period from December 5, 1894, to February 14, 1898, and are conveniently supplemented with a short history of the entire Dreyfus case, by Walter Littlefield. Harper & Brothers, New York, Cloth, \$1.

"The Game and the Candle" is the title of a new novel by Miss Broughton, which has been issued as a part of Appleton's Town and Country Library. It is an entertaining tale and promises to surpass in popularity the earlier writings of the author. Miss Broughton was born in North Wales, where her father was a well known clergyman. Her first novel, "Cometh as a Flower," appeared in 1867 and at once secured for her the favor of the novel-reading public. "Not Woeily but Too Well" followed in the same year and her later works include "Red as the Rose in She," "Nancy," "Joan," "Mrs. Blight," "A Begonia," "Seymour's Charity" and "Dear Fauntleroy," which exhibit pliant wit, much originality and clever characterizations. D. Appleton & Co., New York, Cloth, \$1.

Many will welcome the little book entitled "Patriotic Nuggets," containing, as its title page sets forth, "Bits of ore from rich mines"—namely, extracts from the writings of Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Webster, Lincoln and Beecher. The authors cited have been taken in their chronological order, as have also the extracts from each one, the principle of selection evidently being their views of America—its earlier wrongs and rights, its revolutionary struggles, its constitution, its unappreciated advantages for popular thrift and development in material, moral and spiritual forces, its threatened dangers of discord and of dishonest financial heresies, the mad dream of secession and rebellion and its escape therefrom, and its later political and financial reconstruction. This little book, with some others of similar character to follow, was suggested by the popular success last fall of "Don't Worry Nuggets," containing extracts from Epictetus, Emerson, George Eliot and Browning, compiled by Miss Jeanne G. Pennington. If the others, to be entitled "Educational Nuggets" and "Philosophic Nuggets," are as well selected and full of pith and moment as these, the little series will deserve success. Ford, Howard & Hurlbert, New York, Flexible cloth, gilt top, 40 cents.

"Sin," by Randolph S. Foster, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, forms volume iv in "Studies in Theology," by the same author. A prime object of the discussion contained in this series of volumes is to furnish the reader, in a condensed form, the best thought of the most learned and able thinkers in the departments of philosophy and theology, and the results of personal investigation carried forward for half a century with honest effort to reach the truth and relieve points of obscurity and difficulty to the ordinary reader, and even to the most careful student. The author says of his work: "We do not entertain the idea that all difficulties have been solved or obscurely made plain, but it is our hope that on most points substantial help is rendered, while no subject has been omitted or treated either with unchristian or unscientific carelessness. Some of the subjects are of a controversial nature, but it is our hope that on most points substantial help is rendered, while no subject has been omitted or treated either with unchristian or unscientific carelessness. Some of the subjects are of a controversial nature, but it is our hope that on most points substantial help is rendered, while no subject has been omitted or treated either with unchristian or unscientific carelessness."

"Nathan Hale, The Martyr Spy," an incident of the Revolution, as a small volume by Charles W. Brown. It forms No. 107 of the Sunnyside series which the J. S. Oglivie Publishing Company is getting out. As its title would indicate, it tells the story of the life of the distinguished soldier and patriot, Nathan Hale, who gave his life for the cause of American freedom. His memorable words appear on the title page: "I wish to be useful: If the exigencies of my country demand a peculiar service, its claims on the performer are of the service are imperative." It has always seemed a pity that two of the most talented young men in the American and British armies should have met the same fate, Nathan Hale, the American, and Lieutenant Andre, the Englishman, both hanged as spies. J. S. Oglivie Publishing Company, New York, Paper, 25c.

A new edition of "How to Right a Wrong" has been brought out in Neely's Popular Library. The work was by Moses Samelson, a thoughtful and suggestive writer of a good deal of originality. The author goes on the assumption that after all worldly possessions are the aim of human life, and that true happiness consists in naught but the multiplicity of agreeable consciousnesses. F. Tennyson Neely, New York, Paper, 50c.

"Magazines and Reviews." In Bird-Lore (the Macmillan company) for August, Richard Kearton, the English naturalist-photographer, tells how he has secured some of his remarkable photographs of wild birds and animals in nature; Bradford Torrey writes of the "booming" of the bittern; the leading professional ornithologist of the country sign a circular letter giving hints to young bird students, and there are also other interesting articles and numerous illustrations.

The North American Review for August is remarkable for the number and diversity of subjects of present interest which are represented in its pages. Some of the most important events and movements of the time are discussed in it by those who are either closely associated with them or have made a special study of them; and, at the same time, as befits a magazine intended for summer reading, it contains several brilliant articles of an entertaining character on literary, dramatic, artistic and athletic themes.

In the August Forum, Hon. Thomas S. Harrison, United States agent and consul general in Egypt, pays a high tribute to Lord Cromer's administration in Egypt; Edwin H. Hall of Harvard shows what liquid air cannot do; Prof. Mary Roberts Smith writes of "Domestic Service; the Responsibility of Employers"; Mr. Leopold Gmelin gives a German's views of American architecture; Prof. Roland F. Paulsen asks "Have We Sufficed God in Circulation"; and Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee discusses "Recent Canadian Fiction."

Outing for August offers a charming assortment of seasonal fiction and artistic illustrations. Notable features are: "Golf in Gotham" by Charles Turner; "An August Outing," by Ed W. Sandys; and "The Best Out of Three," a complete story, by Mr. Gertrude Cundill. Other sketches of sport, travel and adventure in many lands lend the needed variety to a very satisfying number. The editorials and record departments are interesting and include a full and expert account of the recent golf championship contest at Chicago, by Willie Tucker of St. Andrews.

The August issue of Meehan's Monthly introduces a new feature, the "Wild Flowers" which make American autumn scenery so world-wide famous, one of the goldenrod family, "Aurelia," newly translated by Mr. Benjamin E. Smith, will appear in the little stamped letter bindings which have made the series so popular.

Mrs. Sara York Stevenson is the author of the book on "Maximilian in Mexico" which the Century company will issue in a few weeks. Mrs. Stevenson's work is a general work in contact with the imperial court in Mexico, from 1862 to 1867, when Napoleon III was trying to establish a European government on American soil. The story is an absolutely true one, yet no "international romance" of the present-day type. It is a story of color, movement and effective contrasts.

A valuable hand book descriptive of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and the treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be published by the Century company and will be issued in a few weeks. The book will be profusely illustrated with beautiful full page half-tone pictures, many of which are of subjects never before reproduced from the original. It will be 6x9 inches, with sixty illustrations, and the price will be \$1.50.

Two important novels are in preparation at Dodd, Mead & Co.'s. One is "Wine on the Lees," by J. A. Stewart, author of "The Min. of State" and the other, by Bernard Capes, is entitled "Our Lady of the Sea." The interest of the first story turns upon certain phases of the drink question, and is, to all intents and purposes, a novel. "Our Lady of the Sea" has its scene of action at the period of the French revolution, and the plot alternates between England, Belgium and France. There is much plotting in this tale, the movement is rapid and the incidents are numerous and dramatic.

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CONVICTS MAKE PLEA OF BEING JOBBED

Public is Called Upon to Judge if There Has Been Jobbery—Accused May Be Asked to Make Other Explanations Later.

After reading the statement made by E. H. Hemming, police reporter on the World-Herald, that his arrest on the charge of jobbery was a direct result of his going to testify against Chief White and is a put up job," Chief White had the following to say: "This is a very nice cock and bull story, isn't it? The charges preferred against me state that I am not a citizen of Nebraska. The fact is that I began my service as chief of police for the second time on September 15, 1898, and I was then a citizen of Nebraska by March 25, 1899, even if I had not been a resident long before, and as I am not a married man there can be no question as to my residence. Now, then, if Hemming is telling the truth in his case, he certainly cannot contradict the police records, which show my appointment and service."

"Hemming claims he was jobbed. The same claim is made by the other two convicted serving sentences in the penitentiaries of this country and I am not surprised at his making the claim. "I will simply ask the public to be satisfied with a decision by the state in any case," Chief White said. "I disclosed I will willingly submit to public censure."

"The fact is that I knew nothing about the case until Sunday night at midnight, when Captain Donahue told me of the complaint made by Mrs. Robb and her sister, Mrs. Dunn, and also informing me of the appointment made by Hemming with the women the following day at 3 o'clock. I was not present at the hearing, and I paid \$50 for suppressing an article which he said was about to be published."

"Captain Donahue then told me what arrangements he had made to cover the post-charge of a woman, and I accepted the money after he had accepted the money. I have never talked with any of the witnesses and made no changes in Captain Donahue's plans, but left the matter entirely in his hands, with what success I will allow the public to judge later on."

"Hemming falsifies when he says that I sent for him to come to my office. The day he refers to I met him in the reception room of my office, and he asked from me a favor, which I granted in the presence of the chief of police, Mr. Donahue, and my attorney, even with anybody, can also be proven by witnesses present."

"I have nothing to fear from any witnesses in Omaha and am willing to compare character and reputation with any of them. "The public subscription which was started here a few weeks ago for the benefit of the widow and children of Sheriff Josiah Hazen, the brother of Governor Converse, Wyoming, who was shot down by the Wilcox train robbers last June, has grown steadily from the start and will be turned over to Mrs. Hazen during the present month. The wife of the late sheriff made his home, subscribed enough money to pay the mortgage on the home, about \$500. The Union Pacific Railroad company donated \$250, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Railroad company \$200, Colonel Jay L. Torrey donated \$250, and it is thought the private subscriptions will swell the total to about \$6,000."

Howard Will Welcome His Soldiers. HOWARD, S. D., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—There have been a number of new residences built this season. Rafferty, Arason & Co. have finished and occupied a new store room, 2x50, making their first department store in town. Hanson & Nelson have the foundation in for a store building, 2x50, which will be built at once. L. J. Martin has purchased a lot and will put up a new building, 2x50, on the corner of 10th and Broadway.

Howard is rejoicing over the return of her soldier boys from Manila, who sail tomorrow on the Sheridan. She sent twenty-six to the regiment. One was killed in battle, two mortally wounded and one has died from disease. The survivors will be given a royal welcome.

Charged with Criminal Assault. HUBBARD, S. D., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Sheriff Medbery lodged in jail here Saturday a young man named Arthur Stay, charged with a criminal assault upon the wife of a farmer in Banner township. Stay came from an eastern orphanage and was given a home in the family of Mr. Whalen, a neighbor of the farmer whose wife is the complaining witness.

South Dakota News Notes. O. A. Rudolph is arranging to start a "kid" band at Canton. Hobos who strike Exan in search of "bacon" are compelled to earn their food by cutting weeds along the streets, and the goods they have been dismissed. The goods were replenished again by Farnley after the injunction restraining him issued by Judge Scott had been dismissed, whereupon Farnley settled the matter by paying the claim. During the serving of the different writs issued by the court, the stationery and printing rooms were torn from the floors and taken possession of. The amount involved was several hundred dollars.

Says He Was Tripped Up. S. S. Harmer, Eighteenth and Jackson streets, who circulated a petition in Braden county, was arrested Saturday afternoon and exhibited a badly skinned arm and several bruises, which he said had been made by a man in the name of McCrum. He related that he was standing near the depot at St. Mary's avenue this morning when McCrum came along and gave him a wrench on the head with a steel bar, and that he was mistreating him and claims that his assailant tripped his feet out from under him and let him to the pavement with a terrible fall. He is 65 years of age and the fall used him up pretty badly. McCrum was charged with assault and battery.

Another Woman Wants Feathers. Another woman is mourning the loss of a fine lot of feathers, and is looking in vain for their return. The woman is Mrs. Annie Lapinsky, 2454 South Fifteenth street, reports to the police that a man with a high top hat and a somewhat like negro, who was wearing a white coat to her house July 31 and got a bedtick containing twenty-one pounds of feathers, and that she has not seen or heard of them since. The same man got away with several other featherbeds recently.

A Good Luck Cross. A cross recently discovered in the grave of the beautiful, young Queen Dagmar, who was kept away all evil influences. There is no more evil influence than ill health, and there is nothing which has so great a power to keep it away as the cross. The cross is a little, it is worth a hundred good-luck crosses to the man or woman afflicted with despondency and indigestion. The official revenue stamp should cover the neck of the bottle.

Claimed He Was Robbed. Alonzo Biggs, living near Creston, Ia., tells the police that he was held up Monday night by two white men and a colored man. He was walking home from the depot, between Ninth and Tenth streets, when the men came up and threw their arms about his neck and rifled his pockets. He claims that about \$5 was taken from him. The official revenue stamp should cover the neck of the bottle.

Charged with Cruelty. Oliver Jennie, colored, living near the Webster station, has been charged with the charge of cruelty to a child. A little 5-year-old girl is said to be the victim and the neighbors state that he and the woman he lives with, who is named Mrs. Jennie, have been examined by a physician, but Jennie avers that the child burned herself there some time ago. Father Williams and the humane society will make an investigation.