

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Holiday Literature Continues to Arrive in a Steady Stream.

MANY BEAUTIFUL AND ATTRACTIVE WORKS

Booksellers Have All They Can Do to Attend to the Wants of People Looking for Holiday Presents for Friends.

The week has brought to hand several new volumes from Harper & Bros., among others a new novel, "The Mantle of Elijah," by I. Zangwill.

"Thrilling Days in Army Life," by General George A. Forsyth, is another of Harper's latest publications. It contains accounts of the author's experience during "Sheridan's Ride," "At the Closing Scenes of Appomattox," "Court House," during a "Frontier Fight" and in an "Apache Raid."

Another volume from the same publishing house is "The Cardinal and the Rose," by Van Tassel Sutphen. It is a peculiar story, taking one from New York across Europe and finally coming to a climax in a little European kingdom. Price, \$1.50.

"Lessons in Love," by Katrina Trask, is a small volume of short stories, each with its lesson love. Harper & Bros. Price, \$1.25.

The author of that exquisite idyl, "The Forest Lovers," comes before the public this season with a historical novel, "Richard Fen and Nay," which will be found as fascinating to the reader as was the earlier work. The hero is King Richard of England—he of the lion heart—a character which the author has drawn with a skill and grace and appreciation of essential facts that cannot be surpassed in the annals of literary art.

"Who Goes There? The Story of a Spy in the Civil War," by B. K. Benson, is a story of a soldier's life. The two main features of his personal career are his love for the daughter of his former tutor and the mental affliction of "amnesia"—the malady of forgetting his past identity—under which he suffers. His tutor becomes a federal soldier, and the daughter becomes an army nurse.

A gift book that will appeal to a large number of book lovers is a new and very attractive edition of Samuel Johnson's "Dictionary," abridged and annotated by William Worcester. It contains an interesting and scholarly introduction, which will be found of much assistance in a thorough understanding and appreciation of the work. James Pott & Co., New York. Flexible leather covers, \$1.

Sunday school teachers should not fail of securing a copy of "Illustrative Notes: A Guide to the Study of the International Sunday School Lessons" for 1901. In addition to the lessons for the year, it contains original and selected comments, methods of teaching, illustrative stories, practical applications, notes on eastern life, library references, maps, tables, pictures and diagrams. Eaton & Main, New York. Price, \$1.25.

Juvenile Literature. Harry Castleman, a most voluminous writer of boys' books, and author of "The Gunboat Series," "Hercules Series," etc., is out with a new volume entitled "The First Capture, or Hauling Down the Flag of England." Like the most of his books, it is a stirring tale of war and adventure of the kind popular with the great majority of boys. It is printed in large type and is well illustrated. The Standard Publishing Co., Akron, O. Price, 75c.

In this day and age, when school and college sports appeal so strongly to such a vast number of people, "The Substitute Quartet," by Eunice Williams should have widespread popularity. As might be inferred from the title, it is a story of school life and one that will be found extremely fascinating to any wide-awake boy. Dana, Estes & Co., Boston.

It goes without saying that anything written by Joaquin Miller will be interesting. Of all the subjects he has chosen to write on there is nothing more interesting to boys than bears. And when stories of bears written by Joaquin Miller, such as "The Bear," "The Bear and the Boy," "The Bear and the Girl," etc., are illustrated by Percy Reinger, are to be had there ought to be a large demand for the book containing them. In the "Introductory Notes," Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr., university, has contributed such information as enables one to read intelligently of the different kinds of bears that figure in the stories. And at the end of the volume is an exhaustive "Scientific Classification of Bears," edited by Pierre N. Reinger. Rand McNally & Co., Chicago. Price, 1.25.

College Songs. What would college be without the inspiring fraternal college songs? "Songs of All the Colleges" is the comprehensive title of a new book, compiled and arranged by David B. Chamberlain of Harvard and Karl P. Harrington of Wesleyan university. To the collection of hearty, familiar, old tunes, loved alike by alumnus and undergraduate, have been added many new songs. The book will win favor from the start, and the strains of college minstrelsy sound by many a fireside. Its generosity, in gathering together these typical of alma mater, will deepen the spirit of brotherhood already existing among college fraternities as they teach to sing each other's songs. The book is of convenient size for use at the piano, and clear print, with suitable instrumental scoring, adds to its attractiveness. It will be welcomed by all collegians. Hinds & Noble, New York.

AGENTS WANTED. The greatest display of fine books and artistic bindings ever made was that at the Exposition at Paris, where there were over a thousand exhibitors from America and Europe. In the class there were 345 entries from the United States alone. An AMERICAN firm, GEORGE BARRIE & SON, received the GRAND PRIZE AND A GOLD MEDAL (the highest award), and the credit of producing the FINEST BOOKS IN THE WORLD. During the past year this firm has had engaged in Paris a large corps of literateurs and artists on a work which the New York Times has pronounced "the FINEST BOOKS IN THE WORLD."

The above books are for sale by the Metropolitan Stationery Co., 1508 Farnam street, St. Louis, Mo.

BEGIN TAKING TESTIMONY

Harry Floth on Trial for the Murder of Edward Fee.

COURT ROOM JAMMED WITH SPECTATORS

Women Taking Great Interest in the Case and Show Floth Many Little Attentions.

Nearly all the preliminaries in the Floth murder case before Judge Baker have been disposed of, leaving the way clear for the prosecution, which the state asserts it is in possession of indicating the identity of the person who dealt the blows that killed Edward Fee on the night of August 22 and the circumstances under which they were struck. During the second morning of the hearing there were few facts disclosed additional to those brought to light on the day preceding, most of the evidence being only confirmatory of what had gone before.

The prosecution has shown that Fee was seen on the night of the murder lying on the sidewalk in front of the blacksmith shop at 2505 Cuming street. That on the following morning the electrician was found dead in the rear of the shop under circumstances indicating that he had been brutally assaulted.

The construction the defense puts on the circumstances already brought to light by the testimony is altogether different. The attorneys contend that at the time Fee was on the sidewalk he was not in the shop, but in the stator, the blow which caused his death had already been received, presumably from some one other than Floth or his friends, or as a result of falling against a hard substance. According to the physician Fee died from a ruptured blood vessel adjacent to the sphenoid bone, and this, in their opinion, was due to a severe blow on the head.

Women Interested in Case. The court room was jammed with spectators from the time court convened until the customary recess. Many of those following the proceedings are the people who never miss a murder trial if they can get in, but there is no small number of Floth's personal friends. Women are taking as great an interest in the case as the men, if not more, because, although there are fewer of them, they have shown Floth many signs of personal affection. Once, during a brief wait when the jury had been excused for a few minutes, a woman of striking appearance stepped to Floth's side as he sat behind his attorneys. Taking his hand in one of hers and brushing his hair back with the forefinger of the other, she said: "I'm glad to see you, Harry. It's going to come out all right; we all know you are innocent."

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Officers Goodrich and Russell were the first witnesses examined at the morning session. Their inquiry related to the finding of Fee's body. Ernest Wick, who lives in the house adjoining the blacksmith shop referred to, described how on the evening of August 22, after returning from downtown, he had occasion to remove his hay wagon from the alley and saw Floth in the stator. This was about 10:30 o'clock. He went to call Fee to ask him to help haul the wagon, but found that the man was in a stupor, he supposed from drink. Alexander Lillis, an assistant in the office of the coroner, was called to testify about the finding of Fee's body in the rear of the shop on the following morning.

Wachtler on Witness Stand. John Wachtler, the state's chief witness and one of Floth's companions on the night of the killing, went on the witness stand when court convened in the afternoon and told the story of the assault. He said that he, in company with Harry Floth and Leo Coyne, and Michael Moliner, the last two being co-defendants, was drinking beer in the enclosure behind the smithy. Along about 10 o'clock, he said, Floth announced the intention of going to the alley and to get a sandwich and started out the driveway leading to Cuming street.

Wachtler said he saw Floth returning in a few minutes bringing with him a stranger. Floth had the sandwich in his hand. The witness was called to testify nothing said by either of the men. The stranger joined the group and drank some of the beer. The only conversation Wachtler could remember having heard was the stranger's remark when he called Coyne a vile name. He did not remember whether Coyne answered or not, but he saw Coyne strike the man several times in the face with his fist. The stranger was then sitting with his back to the smithy. Immediately after the man struck Wachtler, Coyne, Floth and Moliner left the enclosure and went to the sidewalk on Burt street, where they stopped for a few minutes and held a conversation. Wachtler said he was about five feet away from his companion when he did not hear any of the details of the fight. The group returned to Floth, Coyne and Moliner returned to the enclosure, followed by Wachtler. When the smithy was reached, the witness said, Floth stepped up to a man sitting braced against the shop wall and began to pummel him. Wachtler was unable to identify the man as the stranger who had joined the group in the evening. He said all he could remember is that Floth, without words of any kind, began to beat the man over the head and shoulders.

Dr. Lavander Testifies. The most interesting incident of the entire trial was when Dr. W. R. Lavander, who conducted the autopsy on Fee's body, took his place in the witness chair, and by means of a human skull showed the court and the jury how the blow is received by the electrician's death was due to a kick or a heavy blow with the flat on the head, similar to those which Wachtler, the previous witness, described as having been given by Floth. Dr. Lavander had positive opinions as to how Fee came to die, and the explanations made to the jury with the skull as a diagram were not shaken by the exhaustive cross-examination that followed. The skull which the witness used during the proceedings had a good deal of curiosity for the jury, the juror, the attorneys and the swarm of court reporters and lawyers who are following the case for their own benefit. The skull is one that has appeared in many a murder trial and in the case of the brain a little to the left and just behind the nose. In his opinion the blow that caused it, distinctly traceable by a red welt and an abrasion on the scalp, was from a shoe toe, or it might have been from a fist. The defense tried to show that it might have been the result of the instrument of some kind, but the witness was positive on this point.

When the Blow Was Struck. A knowledge of the action of the brain and blood in cases identical with Fee's gave the witness a pretty positive opinion

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Vetoes the Garbage Ordinance Investigation Resolution.

ADVISORY BOARD TOO BUSY TO TAKE IT UP

Matter Properly Belongs to the Members of the Council, Who Will Have to Take Any Action on Question.

The proposed investigation by the Advisory board of alleged violations of the garbage ordinance was nipped in the bud at last night's council meeting. A resolution providing for such an investigation was introduced by Councilman Burkeley one week ago and was supported by the majority of the councilmen. Mayor Moore returned the resolution with his veto and was sustained by the council last night. His reasons for opposing the investigation were set forth as follows:

I return herewith without my approval document 681, passed by your honorable body at your last regular meeting, December 5th, 1900, which is a resolution instructing the Advisory board to institute an investigation and hear testimony for the purpose of determining whether or not the garbage ordinance is being violated. The city engineer provides that the Advisory board shall consist of the following city officials: Mayor, controller, city engineer, building inspector, health commissioner, chief of police and chief of the fire department. These officials are all heads of departments and their duties are so demanding of their time that it is impossible for them to devote their work and enter upon such an investigation.

The power to amend the garbage ordinance or to declare the ordinance abrogated rests in the first instance with the council and the Advisory board have no authority. The members of the council must investigate the matter for themselves. They are the proper persons to conduct this examination, as whatever action may be taken by the council must be taken upon the testimony which is brought out afterward. If it is proposed to take any action, the council must do so.

The mayor and councilmen are the proper persons to conduct this examination. I have heard it said that the mayor and councilmen are afraid to take the responsibility for this investigation and so sought to shift it to the Advisory board. I trust, therefore, the council will be satisfied that this is not the case by sustaining this veto.

Lockeb Vetoes Mass Meeting. Councilman Lockeb introduced a resolution requesting all persons interested in an improvement of the garbage ordinance to attend the general committee meeting of the council next Monday afternoon and take part in the discussion of the proposed ordinance, which is designed to grant the right of hauling ashes and other garbage without a permit from the city health commissioner. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 5 to 4.

W. W. Bingham, ex-president of the council, was called upon and related some of his experiences with the garbage ordinance. He expressed the opinion that investigations of violations of the ordinance are only a waste of time. He assured the council that fully two-thirds of the persons who have garbage to dispose of fail to comply with the ordinance.

Fifteen boys from the Seventh ward brought the council a petition in book concerning the skating pond at Fortieth and Marcy streets. A resolution was pending which provided that the pond be drained, but the boys presented their case in such a skillful way that the council agreed to delay the drainage of the pond until spring. Sam Paulker was spokesman for the boys and set forth their case in an able manner. He assured the council that there is only one woman in the ward who objects to the pond. She asserts that the croaking of frogs annoys her and Paulker assured the council that the woman is so deaf she can't hear a cannon.

Amending the Statutes. Ordinances were passed which provide for the punishment of assault and battery and petit larceny. Formerly these offenses were punishable only under the state law and the school fund was deprived of the fines imposed on persons found guilty of these crimes.

The city engineer was instructed to investigate all the street car lines in the city and submit to the council a report showing the tracks which are not in use. An ordinance was passed which provides for the condemnation of the land necessary to open Francis street from Fifth to Sixth streets. The Omaha Water company was instructed to lay a water main on Pinyon street between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets.

John O. Detweiler, St. A. D. Balcomb and Edgar Zarkis reported to the council that the city lot adjoining the factory of M. A. Distrow & Co. is worth \$3,600. These men were appointed to place a price on the lot and their appraisal was accepted. An ordinance was introduced which provides for the levying of a tax to meet the judgment of \$150,000, which the Board of Education holds against the city. City Comptroller John N. Westberg was

OUR BICYCLE MAN

He wants to remind you that all stoves have a NAME, NUMBER and MAKER—Your neighbor came in and asked for repairs for his stove—said it was made in Chicago just before he was married and that was one year before Jimmie was born, and Jimmie is about seven years old—Do you know he was mad to think we didn't know what he wanted—When you want repairs telephone 960, tell us what you want and your order will have prompt attention—Furnace, range and stove repairs of every kind.

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Music and Art. 1613 Douglas.

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Christmas.

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Instructed to order lumber for the construction of crosswalks on Forty-eighth street between Leavenworth Street and Lincoln avenue. A northbound Park line car and a westbound Dodge car came together at Sixteenth and Dodge streets at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Dodge car was badly damaged and the other escaped with slight injury. None of the passengers were hurt, but a boy received a severe shaking.

Cajori Not to Be Bluffed. A masked man made a bold attempt to hold up Anton Cajori in his drug store at 601 Pierce street shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday night, but was frightened away before he secured anything. Cajori was alone when the man entered the store and the latter leveled a revolver at the druggist's head, ordering him to hand over his valuables at the peril of his life. Pucky Cajori had no idea of doing such a thing, for he promptly buried a small glass showcase at the intruder. The case struck the revolver which was immediately discharged, the bullet being buried in the rear door, locked it and called lustily for help. The would-be robber made an ineffectual attempt to open the cash register and escaped before the arrival of citizens. The police station was notified and detectives were at once detailed on the case.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

All Shriners are requested to wear their fezzes during the performance at the Orphans' Home, on Thursday evening, December 20th, at 8 o'clock in Trinity cathedral chapel, corner Capitol avenue and Eleventh street. Subject, "The Talents." William Farr, secretary of the Omaha Law school, has abandoned his enterprise here and has gone to Lincoln, where he is taking an advanced course in the state university.

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