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Here is a list of a number of books good for Xmas gifts—cut out this advertisement and save it as a reminder—and you will be glad—later on—that you did.

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Modern Tales of Travel

THE LETTERS describing the Holy Land, written by William Elroy Curtis, correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, during his tour of that country two years ago, have been revised and reproduced in enduring form in a large volume under the title "Today in Syria and Palestine." Mr. Curtis needs no introduction to western readers. As a newspaper man identified with the press of Chicago for twenty years his name may properly be classed as "a household word." As an author he has produced several meritorious volumes of biography and travel and is now abroad accumulating material for more.

Mr. Curtis says in a foreword that "a journey through Palestine destroys many illusions and disturbs one's confidence in mankind, and especially in many of the professional teachers of Christianity; but it confirms the faith of conscientious and thoughtful readers in the Bible and its teachings; for every spot fully described in its pages can be immediately and distinctly identified. This is an extraordinary fact. I know of no other book of which the same can be said."

Maps and numerous illustrations from photographs taken by Miss Elsie Evans Curtis, daughter of the author, add materially to the reader's appreciation and knowledge of the country described. Published by Fleming H. Russell Company, Chicago and New York.

A new edition of "Castilian Days," by Hon. John Hay, with illustrations by Joseph Pennell, comes from the press of Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston. Long before the author of "Castilian Days" achieved eminence as secretary of state of the United States this volume had won for him an enduring place in the world of letters.

Secretary Hay's account of his travels in Spain is descriptive of the natural scenery, the manners and customs of the people, the public buildings and the works of art, and has a wonderful charm for the reader. Mr. Hay excels in description, whether of nature or humanity, and this book abounds in enthusiasm and vigor. Such is the conservatism of Spain, that, though written some years ago, the text covers practically everything a traveler sees today.

Admirers of Charles Dickens, and they are legions, are afforded a supplementary

treat by a volume entitled "Dickens' London," compiled by Francis Mitton. The author presents in an informal manner such facts of historical topographical and literary moment as surrounded the localities associated with the life and labors of Dickens in London. Characters typical of the great metropolis of the world—characters such as Dickens drew and who exist today—are redrawn by pen and picture. "The typical Londoner of today, as in the early Victorian period of which Dickens wrote, is a species quite apart from the resident of any other urban community throughout the world," says the author. "The Sound of Bow Bells is the only true and harmonious ring which, to the ears of the real cockney, recalls all that is most loved in the gamut of his sentiments." L. C. Page & Co., publishers, Boston.

To those who appreciate the history, art and antiquities of European cities and have not the means or inclination to make a personal inspection, Grant Allen supplies in part the means to gratify their desire. "Belgium—its cities," in two volumes, comes from his pen. Mr. Allen's books on foreign travel are too well known to need introduction. Having devoted the greater part of thirty-five years to travel in the highways and byways of the old world he has experience and ripened judgment, and the skill to convey his observations and impressions to the reader. The present volumes are not in the class of guidebooks. The object of the author is to supply such historical and antiquarian information as will enable the reader to understand and enjoy the architecture, sculpture, paintings and minor arts of the cities of Belgium. Published by L. C. Page & Co., Boston.

"A Handbook of Modern Japan," by Ernest W. Clement, gives the reader a comprehensive insight into the life and character of the Yankees of the Orient, their political, religious, educational and social institutions. The author endeavors to portray Japan in all its features as a modern world power, giving sufficient detail to satisfy the general reader and furnish a bird's-eye view of the empire by pen and picture. The transformation of Japan in the last quarter of a century is one of the marvels of modern progress. How it was brought about and the extent to which western civilization permeates public and private life, is a fascinating chapter of world history, and Mr. Clement tells it con-

cisely and interestingly, illuminating the story with maps, portraits, city and country scenes. Published by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

"The Land of Little Rain," by Mary Austin. Mr. E. Boyd Smith, who is perfectly familiar with the region, is the illustrator and interpreter of Mrs. Austin's charming sketches. The author, in her beautiful descriptions, truly makes the "desert to bloom." She says: "For one thing there is the divinest, clearest air to be breathed anywhere in God's world. Some day the world will understand that and the oases on the windy tops of hills will harbor for healing its ailing, house-weary broods. For all the toll the desert takes of a man it gives compensations, deep breaths, deep sleep and the communion of the stars." One can almost feel the quietude, breathe the fresh air and enjoy the starlight from the author's word painting. But there is another side of desert life that is not so inspiring and pleasing, and that is the tragedies—tragedies of man and beast—in which the dreadful scavengers take part. There is an interesting chapter on "The Pocket Hunter," who not only takes up his bed and walks, but his kitchen and larder as well. Speaking of "Jimville," a Brei Harte town, the author says: "Any way you go at it Jimville is about three days from anywhere in particular. When Jim Jenkins opened an eating house in his tent he chalked up on his flap, 'Best Meals in Jimville, \$1.00,' and the name stuck." The author confesses to 300 inhabitants in Jimville and four bars, but it is "The Land of Little Rain," you know, and there must be "wet" of some kind. Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Publishers.

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Fly Passenger—My case exactly, my young friend. You are just as much of a stranger to me as I to you. If you can't remember business transactions with a stranger when you are used to it every day, how should I, when I'm unaccustomed to it? Good day, sir.—Baltimore American.

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