

when. Suggest that some other course than the one pursued ought certainly to have been taken, and sift the affair as if you were the sternest historical critic. If the relation and his friend, Fred Hooper, were thrown out of a dog cart, in your opinion, it would be a

Recent Publications.

IN MINUTE TALKS ON ALL SORTS OF TOPICS
By Eliza Bailey, Boston; Lee and Shepard
Portland, Me. & Noyes.

We have rarely met with a book so enter-
taining and at the same time so full of in-

constructive ideas as this. It opens with an autobiography of the "Learned Blacksmith" whose life has been a model while the very young man in the country may safely follow; it has been one of hard manual labor and arduous study, and untiring efforts to do good to his fellow-men without a thought of personal aggrandizement. The remainder of the volume is filled with a series of short printed essays, giving the writer's own opinions on all clear headed views on the subjects of Politics, Finance, Science, and History. It contains a number of personal incidents and observations, and a series of short articles on National and International Questions.

article on "Woman Suffrage and its possibilities strikes us as being the best that we have ever seen published; the question is not argued but the dangers into which head-strong and strong-minded women are hurrying the rest of their sex are clearly set forth.

THE YOUNG COUPLE. By the author of "Mr. Armstrong's Journal," etc. Published by Scribner, Armstrong & Co. For sale by Loring, Shattuck & Co. Harmon.

This charming story is told with an ingenuity, candor, and simplicity that is very attractive and withal amusing to the reader. It follows the fortunes of George and Fred

from the "first evening" to the end of the week. Many a young housekeeper, similar to the one mentioned, will have a feeling of sympathy for the trials of the first making good by the experience of a young wife. Aunt Fred, who is a banker's clerk, does not always find it so pleasant to be in the bank. He is suspected of harboring a grudge against Australia, without being aware of it. He is a very good fellow, and has no quarrels against him, he is believed to be guilty of by every body with the exception of his wife, who has unlimited faith in him. But, as the story ends, the real culprit confesses that he and there is a hint at a little confession.

TATIANA: A Libretto by C. F. Schenck. Boston: The
 Boston Opera House, Portland: Loring Street & Ha-
 milton's, 1875. This poem was first read before the Radcliffe
 Club of which Dr. Bartol and others are members
 and is now published in complete form. It is
 the favorable opinion of it then expressed.
 Its poetical merit is considerable, but
 especially noticeable for its philosophy. Every-
 body Mr. Schenck believes in the old prover-
 b "the devil is not so black as he is painted,"
 and considers this ideal creation of his the ac-
 tuality of evil, but notes in him only the ab-
 sence of virtue and the spiritual graces, Ju-
 st as darkness is the absence of light.

Books Received.
Self-Made Woman. By Emma May Dudley. Hingham. Cloth. 338 pp. New York: S. R. Wells.

The Ancient City. A Study of the Religious, Political, and Social Life of the Jews. By J. B. Seale. Boston: Lothrop, Lee, Shepard. Paper. 320 pp. \$2.50. Boston: Lothrop, Lee, Shepard. Paper. 320 pp. \$2.50.

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