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SATURDAY MORNING, MAR. 21. 1874.  
Gossip and Gleaning.

It was in 1823 that the first Chickering piano was manufactured.

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The experiment of raising the ostrich will be made in Florida. The farmer of them looks for a fine feather crop.

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The oyster-beds of Virginia cover an area equal to 640,000 acres, and yield an annual money value of \$10,000,000.

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Any loose glove turned inside out, and rubbed with cold cream, re-turned, and worn at night, will whiten the hand.

Titus A. Brick is the name of a New Orleans poet, and it accurately describes the condition of many persons not poets.

The following advertisement appears in the *English Record*: "Wanted—A second-hand set of Commandments, Old-fashioned, painted on wood, will do."

A saloon-keeper in Des Moines has put over his door the following: "But when thou prayest, enter into thy closet—not into somebody else's rum shop."

Longfellow, on being asked by a country

The girls of Afton, Iowa, resolved to have nothing to do with the young men who drink, smoke, chew, swear, or drive fast horses. But when the fellows began making up to the girls of a neighboring town, they weakened.

A Danbury New-school scholar being asked what became of men who deceived young men, simply explained: "They go to Europe." Of course he didn't know, being merely a child, that they were contemplating more that way.—*Danbury News*.

Our esteemed friend, Mrs. Malaprop, has no patience with the people who want women to have votes. She declares that, for herself, her nerves would never bear the shock of having anything to do with the "electrical franchise."

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The London *Hornet* gives us the following as one of the effects of the late royal marriage: "Bookseller—"Will you have these volumes bound in Russia or Morocco, sir?" Retired coal-dealer—"Well, if I can't have 'em bound in London, send 'em to Russia. We must encourage that Czar now, you know."

Mr. Lushington Phillips (proud of his foreign origin, and a sign of condescension)—There's precious little of the Saxon about me, I can tell you. My people, the De Louchettes de Filepo (a French name, came over from France years ago—ages ago!) Mr. Chaffington Smiley—Ah! Before the Extradition Treaty, I suppose?

It is related of Rufus Choate that, however deeply he appeared to be absorbed in his legal arguments, he knew everything that was going on in the court room. During one plea in which a woman in a distant part of the court room rose and went out, with some rustling of silk and a rustle of skirts, he said to the jury: "The witness Being asked afterwards if he noticed it, 'No—

**Recent Publications.**

**ANIMAL LOCOMOTION.** By J. Bell Pettigrew M. D., F. R. S., and J. A. Appleton & Co. For sale by Bailey & Noyes.

Although called a work on "Animal Locomotion," this exhaustive treatise should have been styled the "Theory of Artificial Flight," for its whole aim is to prove, that artificial flight is possible, without a doubt. The arguments brought to sustain this idea, are, that flight is a natural movement; walking and swimming also natural movements, have been overcome by man, as exemplified in the

the water; hence it stands to reason, that flying animals must be overcome by some artificial contrivance of man. The Introduction lays down the views of the author which he claims that walking, swimming, and flying are merely modifications of one and the same movement, depending on the element, on which they occur. This is proved in the most quadruped swim, as well as walk, and even fly, while many marine animals walk as well as swim, and birds and insects, walk, swim, and fly, indiscriminately. All terrestrial animals move in a figure of 8. That is to say, in bipeds, in walking, one foot is always raised, and swung forward, as to the opposite hand, swinging towards the

the lower half of the figure 8, while the other half of the foot and opposite hand complete the figure 8. In quadrupeds the same figure is formed by the movement of alternate fore and hind legs. Now in the case of fishes, the tail makes movement one way, the head an associate movement contrarily, and on the other bearing of the tail, the head finishes the same imaginary movement, in the shape of the figure 8. Finally, in all birds, the wings in their vibratory tacks make in the air, the same figurative movement. The three following sections are devoted to a very detailed description of these movements on land, and in the water and in the air, with most stress laid on the latter movement.

As regards artificial flight, Dr. Pettigrew opposes with all his vigor, the use of the balloon, which he says has retarded the discovery of a more natural means. He claims as its greatest objection, that it is not analogous to nature, because it is lighter than air, while all flying creatures are heavier. All the bal-  
loon is capable of, is to rise and fall perpen-  
dicularly in a calm, and to go with the wind,  
whichever way it blows. Hence it is unnatural  
at flight. After showing off the absurdities of  
all other machines for flying, the Dr. instead  
of giving us an illustration of his own, con-  
sules us with the illusory promise, that some-  
day there will be one discovered. But no such

coverer is named, or date given.

In comparison with the previous work of this series, "The Conservation of Energy" by Ballou Stewart, the work before us offers many depreciative contrasts, as to style examples and argument. The former was terse, simple and forcible; this is diffuse, complex and weak, and yet it may serve to white away a leisure hour or so in looking over the pictures, which are the greatest attraction of the book, and show very clearly how far we poor mortal men are behind the examples of nature.

LINCOLN AND SEWARD by Gileon Welles, New York; Sheldon & Co. For sale by Loring, Shreve

This is a work by the late secretary of the navy; brought out by the opinions in regard to the relative merits of Lincoln and Seward as expressed in the "Memorial Address" by Seward by Charles Francis Adams. It is a defence of Lincoln, of his policy, and of his general views on various questions in opposition to Seward. As it is a work of controversy we are not to judge it by its literary merits. Mr. Wells possessed an advantage which Mr. Adams did not have, viz: a personal acquaintance with Seward and Lincoln. And as the official intercourse between the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the navy was probably more frequent

than between any other two departments during the war, a better means of contrasting the influence of each upon some of the most important events of that exciting period. A sufficient time has not elapsed in which to pass judgment upon the positions of two such eminent men without prejudice yet such a book as this is a valuable aid to

...on their merits. There is a generous tone pervading the book, for it is a protest against a misjudgment contained in the "Memorial Address," which we have already therefore well worth a reading by the student of politics as illustrating the motives eventuating prominent men during a period of our country's history.

**PET ON PASTURES OF PERFECTION.** By Rev. H. M. Hawes & M. A. New York: Harper & Bros. For sale by Loring, Short & Harmon.

We have rarely met so fascinating a historical story as the one now before us. It is the history of a child who from the life of four children told in simple child like language the story of their number. It is the essence of heart-hearty, happy, child-like; and the narration of the trials of children, and the manner in which they are constantly misunderstood and misjudged by "grown up people" makes one's heart yearn for the little ones and to view them in a truly new light. The descriptions of the children and the little rose-buds of girls with whom we sometimes find love at once in spite of their petty faults and imperfections. The parting of Pet and her Boston friend and playmate, and his heartbroken death, and the pictures so vividly drawn as to make the reader feel that he himself has met with the loss of some dearly loved "pet."

**MIL ALCOYT'S SCHOOL.** Boston, Roberts & B. For sale by Loring, Short & Harmon.

Reading the history of Mr. Alcott's school in Concord, Mass., can see from where Miss Peard obtained her facts for this interesting first school, the unusual routine of which presented such an interest in "Little Men." Miss Peard tells in a clear and concise manner the story of Mr. Alcott's teaching, and his original methods for making scholars teachers. We cannot correct their own faults. The reprint of this useful book is most valuable in addition to the literature of the day, and from many a weary and puzzled teacher will glean hints and helps, which will enable them the more easily to govern and instruct their own flock.

**THOMAS ROBIN.** By the author of "Unwaxed" and "The House of the Future." For sale by Loring, Short & Harmon.

This is one of those novels which are inaugurating a new era in works of fiction; its characteristics are refinement and quietude, rather than excitement; while the traits are in direct opposition to those of the strait, mercenary type of novels with which the country is flooded, and which is imparting such an unhealthy tone to the minds of young readers. The present work is not one of Miss Peard's best; its characteristics may be found in the earlier portions are rather tedious, but the book becomes good as we progress, and the closing chapter is masterpiece of Arcadian simplicity and beauty. The whole tone of the book is pure and restful, and the bits of description here and there, have an indescribably sweet and beautiful atmosphere about them. We can truly say that if we could put this book between the hands of the youngest and most inexpressible reader, feeling sure that it would exercise a happy and healthful influence.

**HAINES INTEREST TABLES.** R. C. HAINES 728 S. Second St. Philadelphia County Pa.

This book will be found invaluable to business men of all descriptions. Its accuracy is unchallenged though a reward of \$200 is offered to any person who may detect an error in the tables. It contains 10,800 items, each sum from \$1 to \$100,000, for 1 day to 1 year at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 per cent per annum; on the basis of 360 days per annum; and for 1 month to 15 months at 7 and 10 per cent per annum, on the basis of 365 days per annum; it also arranged for the averaging of accounts, to Compound Interest, Time, Sterling Exchange and Discount, and other business calculations. Date Tables. This book is one of great practical value.

**THE STORY OF A SUMMER.** or Fiction leaves from the pen of the author of "The House of the Future." G. W. Carleton & Co. New York: G. W. Carleton & Co. For sale by Bailey and Noyes.

Admirers of the late Horace Greeley will be interested in this little work, which is as masterly in its little work, as its subject matter is pleasing description of howards of March. We should think however, that the missus Greeley would seriously object to having the most minute details of their daily life thus exposed to public view; the style in which the book is written is altogether too romantic and digressive; and the redundancy of French words and phrases, which are scattered throughout, being used with equal effect, is another glaring fault; which has become only too prominent in the trashy novels of the day, but we did not expect to find in a work of this kind.

**Magazines for March.**

Lecture Hours for March has been received at this office showing that it still lives. The contents for this month are the third chapters, "Captain Simon," "Captain Leake," "Enemy," "Paul Harris," "The Battle of Chancellorsville," and "The Battle of Gettysburg." An article on "Capital Labor Agitations," "A Night of Terror," "Night" pages, and an Editorial table well filled with various matters. We should recommend faculty operatives to form clubs and subscribe for this magazine which is cheap and at the same time instructive.

**Books Received.**

**Common Sense.** A novel, by Mrs. C. J. Newby author of "Katy Kemper." Portland. 1st pp. 148 pp. Boston: Roberts, Brown & Co. Portland: Chisholm & Easton & G. T. Depots.

**Only Temper.** A Novel, by Mrs. C. J. Newby. Portland. 1st pp. 148 pp. Boston: Roberts, Brown & Co. Portland: Chisholm & Easton & G. T. Depots.

**HAINES' INTEREST TABLES.** Counting House Edition. Cloth, \$2.00. Haines & Sons, 728 S. Second St. Philadelphia County Pa.

**Lincoln and Seaward.** By Gilman Wells, late Secretary of the Navy. Cloth, 215 pp. New York: Sheldon & Co. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**No Name.** A Novel, by Wilkie Collins. Cloth Illustrated. New York: Harber & Brother. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**The Land of the White Elephant.** Personal narrative of travel and adventure in farther India by Frank Vincent, Jr. Cloth. 316 pp. Illustrated by Charles Dwyer. Boston: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**A Summer Vacation.** Four Sermons, by Edward E. Hale. Paper. 75 pp. Boston: Roberts, Brown & Co. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**Irene de Birce,** or the Russian Courtier. A novel, middle of the last Century. By Arthur Reibel author of "Friends in Council," etc. Cloth, 417 pp. Boston: Roberts, Brown & Co. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**The Education of American Girls.** Considered in a series of essays, edited by Anna Brackett. Cloth. 401 pp. New York: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**Sex and Education.** By Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. Cloth. 263 pp. Boston: Roberts, Brown & Co. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**The Blue Ribbon.** A Novel, by the author of "St. Olave's," "Meta's Faith," etc. New York: Harper & Brothers. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.**

**FOR SALE** on favorable terms, a valuable real estate property, partially developed, with encouraging prospects, in the City of Pullen, Geo. District. Inquire of the Royal Road Office. jsl-14

**DOES ADVERTISING PAY?**—There is no instance on record of a well sustained system of advertising paying for itself.  
"My success is owing to my liberality in advertising."  
"I encourage my productions and made money by it."  
—Nicholas Longhorn  
Does advertising pay? Yes, if you know how to apply it to wealth.—*Stephen Girard.*  
"I have never known a business which does not invest itself in advertising to succeed."  
—H. W. Swarth  
If you want aid of advertisements I should have done nothing in my particular line. I have the most complete list of speculators' ink. Advertisements in the royal road to business.—*Comptum.*  
"Advertising has furnished me with a competence."  
—Amos Lawrence











