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Books and Authors. A volume of purely literary essays by the late Philip Brooks is announced for autumn publication. It is reported that Mr. Barrie, the author of "The Little Minister" and "A Window in Thrums," is seriously ill from lung trouble in London. Mr. Henry Fuller, the author of "The Cavalier of Pensieri-Vani" and "The Cliff Dwellers," who has sailed for Europe, has just finished another novel concerning Chicago. Like Mr. Austin Dobson, who, as Henry A. Dobson, receives pay as a clerk of the board of trade, the late Edmund Yates, the editor of the London World, had a business as well as a pen name. For a long time he was chief of the lost letter department at the London post office, and was known in the service as E. Hodgson Yates. It seems that there is really a journal in England called the "Clarion," whose editors say that its success has been lessened by the description in "Marcella" of a labor organ bearing the same title but of a different character. Mrs. Ward replies that she of course supposed the name to be one of her own coinage, but courteously offers to change it when her book passes into a cheap edition.

THE CHEST OF GOLD. One of the places where Captain Kidd is locally reported to have hidden his treasure is a certain spot on an island in the Connecticut river, in Northfield, Mass. The country up and down the Connecticut has been a scene of piracy and bloody ground from New England from the time of the settlement of the valley up to the middle of the eighteenth century. In early times Indians sought about half their time with Indians, and devoted the rest to gaining their livelihood and planting a town. A community which is at this day famous for its thrift and peacefulness and gentleness was set up in long years of toil and strife and blood. The pretty island in the river where Kidd was reported to have buried his wealth has sometimes been called Field's Island, sometimes Stratton's Island, sometimes Clark's Island, and now is called Kidd's Island. Names do not seem to stick to it any better than to its shifting soil. In order to bury his chest of gold here, Kidd and his pirates had to get it up over three falls in the Connecticut, and over a distance of more than 123 miles. This fact alone is sufficient to show the impossibility of the pirates having buried their treasure here. Nevertheless, the legend declares that when they had deposited their great iron chest in the hole they had made for it, they drew lots to see which of them should be put to death by the rest. In order that his body might be laid just above the treasure, and his ghost thus be always on hand to defend it. The legend tells us nothing about the pirate who was sacrificed, except that his unconfessed body was thrown directly upon the chest of gold. When all was done the rest of the villainous crew gazed noiselessly down the river. The story would be a good deal more not of the burial of the treasure, but of the manner in which Abner Field, Nathan Alexander and Eldad Chamberlain dug it up or tried to dig it up, many years afterward. Abner Field was probably the most respectable man, as he certainly was the oldest man, of the party. His brother-in-law was probably the least respectable and most reckless, and he was also the youngest. He had already proved himself a daring Indian hunter, and he was partly because their hearts misgave them, and they wanted a bold fellow with them to accompany them, they felt that there was luck in the number three, that Field and Alexander took young Chamberlain into partnership. Abner Field himself, though respectable and bold-headed, was extremely superstitious. He had come under the influence of the Indians, and he had neighboring town, who told him to go to the exact center of Clark's island, on a night when the full moon was highest in the heavens at midnight, and then dig. If any one of those who were digging, the scotchman said, should utter a word, the spell would be broken, and the treasure would sink into the earth and the ghost appear. But if they went at the time commanded, and maintained perfect silence to the end, the treasure should be theirs. Of course the conjurer demanded a fee from Field, well to be paid in advance, as reward for this valuable information, and received it. Field first confided the fact to his brother-in-law, Nathan Alexander, who was a tall, powerful and active man. The two waited until they had learned from the almanac that the full moon would reach its maximum at 12 o'clock on a certain night in late summer, and then, after many misgivings on the score of his recklessness and superstition, but with a strong feeling that they needed somebody with them who was afraid of neither man nor goblin, they confided their plan to young Eldad Chamberlain. To their surprise, Eldad showed no contempt or scorn for their enterprise, but seemed to be willing and pleased to enter into it. "You bring your gun, Eldad," said Abner, referring to the only piece of property that Chamberlain was known to possess—a superb flintlock captured in some military expedition. "No, no, Abner," Eldad answered, "I won't make matters worse." So there was no gun in the party when, on the appointed night, at about eleven o'clock, young Chamberlain paddled the treasure-seekers out from the shore in the moonlight, making first for the opposite shore, where he landed, and then dropping down in the shadow of the forest and noiselessly stealing across the narrow neck to the island. As they came up to the bank, Chamberlain, at the stern, beckoned to Abner in the bow to get out first. He did so, and the boat, with a strong feeling of fright, he dove back into the canoe. Nathan Alexander clapped his hand over Abner's eyes, and the two men partially capped the boat and fell into the water. Eldad, though his sides shook with laughter, leaped right upon the log and helped the two men out of the water. They were a sorry sight—dripping with water, while Abner Field, who had head glistened in the moonlight, and Alexander's powerful figure shook with silent but ill-suppressed rage at his brother-in-law for precipitating this mishap with his cowardice. They unloaded their spears and their crowbar, nevertheless, and after much sign-making from Field, who had come over a few days before and had marked with a stone the exact spot where the treasure lay, they fell to digging desperately. Down, down they delved. Alexander dealing mighty blows with his crowbar, partly from excitement and partly the better to warm his wet body, and the two others throwing out the earth with their shovels. The full moon streamed upon them. There were no stones, apparently, to interfere with the digging, for the island is an alluvial deposit. Every year the space upon it within its encircling fringes of trees was made of an excellent grade of hay it had been mowed the year and a stack of hay stood between the diggers and the moon, throwing its black shadow toward them. Abner Field, whose eyes roamed uneasily about as he shovelled, causing him to work awfully and sometimes to impede the movements of the others, thought he saw something more in the black shadow of the haystack, and started back, bumping into Alexander, and making a sort of gasping, gurgling noise about his breath. Once more the big man seized him about the neck and clapped his hand over his mouth, dropping the iron bar. In a moment more Abner had been reassured and the three were digging hard again. The haystack, however, was not Alexander dealt heavy, dull blows into the earth with the bar. Abner forgot his ghost, and was feverishly intent upon the digging. Alexander, who had bent down and lifted up something about a foot long, that was round and hard and white in the moonlight. "Was it the thing?" asked a man, of the blacked branch of a willow tree, buried here by the floods under the sand of the shifting soil? "Field and Alexander had no sort of doubt that it was one of the bones of the

"BY AND BY." "Mamma, take me on your knee," "The baby teased with pleading eye," "Mamma, won't you sing to me and by," "But mamma answered, 'By and by.'" "Mamma, ain't it most 'twin to now?" "Come to the patient baby side," "She could not understand, somehow," "What mamma answered, 'By and by.'" Mamma, busy with her brook, "Read the lonely twilight lone," "Not that the tired baby's face," "Nor said the patient, 'By and by.'" "Lo, the night had settled down," "And baby's cheek was hot and dry," "The doctor stood by the window," "And only murmured, 'By and by.'" "Next day, just as the sun had set," "The small voice said, 'I'm a little bit,'" "I've waited such a long while for it," "The stars that dreamed the night away," "In benediction bowed on high," "Smiles on the sweet lips seemed to play," "She said in her own childish way," "Mamma signed in her troubled face," "Her tearful eyes, the dewy gleam," "She woke with a only head in pain," "And a halcyon voice, 'By and by.'" Judd Lyman.

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