

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"Wide Awake" Christmas.

The Christmas Wide Awake is so bright and beautiful that Santa Claus may be suspected to have written and illustrated it himself; at any rate, some of the private doings of Santa's household have got into the magazine. "Goody Santa Claus," by Katharine Lee Bates, with its dozen jolly pictures, is a regular fireside chronicle of "Father Christmas" and his folks. Margaret Sidney opens her new Peppers serial, which will run through the year, as will J. T. Trowbridge's serial, "The Adventures of David Vane and David Crane." Elizabeth Stuart Phelps (Mrs. Herbert Ward) contributes one of her best short stories, "The Toddlewaite Prize." John Strange Winter, the author of "Bootsie Baby," has a good story with a sweet lesson, entitled "Yum-Yum: A Pug." Mrs. General Fremont has a remarkable account, "How the Good News Came Out of the West." Mary E. Wilkins is represented by one of her best fantastic stories, "The Silver Hen." Mrs. M. F. Butts has a naive story, called "Mussentouchit." Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen opens the magazine with a splendid ballad of the North, "Inge, the Boy King," with a drawing by Howard Pyle. Mrs. Frances A. Humphrey furnishes a charming paper from Scotland, about "Pet Marjorie," the famous little girl whom Sir Walter Scott loved so dearly, and whom Dr. John Brown has immortalized. There are many other interesting features, the wonderful "Celestial Bear," and the new department of crisp miscellany "Men and Things."—Boston: D. Lothrop company. Price \$2.40 a year; 20 cents a number.

The January "Book Buyer."

An engraved portrait and an interesting sketch of the literary career of Mary Mapes Dodge, the author of "Hans Brinker" and other popular books, and the editor of "St. Nicholas," form the leading feature of the January Book Buyer. Mrs. Dodge is one of the most celebrated of American literary women, and the story of her life is very entertaining, especially that part which relates to the origin of "Hans Brinker," one of the most popular juvenile books ever written. Second only in interest to this paper is a full description of the home life of George Meredith, which is accompanied by an engraved portrait. The same number contains portraits of Walt Whitman and of the poet Whittier, whose 81st birthday was just celebrated. The Whittier portrait is from a photograph taken when the poet was ignorant of the fact that he was "sitting" and the pose of the head and the expression are considered uncommonly good. The other departments of the number are maintained at their usual standard. The bright Boston and London letters of Arlo Bates and J. Ashby-Sterry; the brief descriptive reviews of new books; the notes about forthcoming works; the illustrations from the newest books, and the department of questions and answers about literary topics, edited by Rossiter Johnson; these make up a number of more than ordinary interest. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1 a year, 10 cents a number.

Notes and Announcements.

Gen. Lew Wallace has had Ben Hur printed in raised types for the blind, and a steady demand for such copies has arisen. A workman went to the British Museum and called for a copy of "Omer." "A translation of the Greek?" asked the attendant. "I'm sure I don't know. I want to read whatever Mr. Gladstone reads," the enthusiast replied.

There is an amusing London lawyer, whose name is Argles, and is familiar to the travellers on transatlantic steamships as a genial and amusing companion. This gentleman is authority for the statement that The Duchess is a Mrs. Argles, the widow of a cousin living in Dublin. The lady's name is now claimed to be Hungerford. Perhaps the Dublin widow has married again.—New York Sun.

Marshall de MacMahon has finished his memoirs, and they will be published simultaneously in Paris, London and Leipzig. He tells the story of the Italian campaign of 1859. It is said to insure accuracy the Marshall will send proofs of the Italian campaign to the Archduke, Albert of Austria, and those of the Franco-German War to Count Moltke and his staff at Berlin. He will also give an account of the monarchical intrigues after the fall of Thiers.

A Surprise For Old Grads.

If some of the U. N. B. graduates who spent their happy days there years ago could visit the institution now and find a Y. M. C. association, instead of the dens and happy-go-easy fellows who owned them, surprise would have the better of them. The college world is moving fast, and the New Brunswick university is not going to fall behind in the race. It cost about \$500 to fit up the association room, and Frederick people can be congratulated upon their generous gift.

An Artist's Fun.

Will Ritchie, the caricaturist, visited the country recently, and had no end of fun. He saw a country practitioner extracting a tooth, and the scene made such an impression upon him that he reproduced it. All the odd characters that came in his way suffered the same fate until his collection was quite a correct representation of all the eccentric geniuses in the village. Some of them took to it kindly, and some d'n't, but no holiday turkey was spoiled on that

MUSIC, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

It is rather late in the day to say anything about the Messiah music at the Stone church, last Thursday evening, but I should just like to add my humble note of appreciation of the general excellence of the whole musical part of the service. Nobody could attend on such an evening and hear what was done and not come away with a better feeling pervading his whole being. The chorus of the Oratorio society sang with fine effect, and deserve the best thanks of all present for the work they did, especially as they were deprived of the aid of a conductor's baton, to which they have been so long accustomed.

Of the soloists, Mrs. G. H. Perley sang her numbers with that special, trained excellence for which she is so noted. Miss Hea was never heard to better effect than in her solo, "He shall feed his flock," infusing more sympathetic feeling than I think I ever heard her before. With Rev. J. M. Davenport's singing of oratorio the St. John public are now well acquainted, and he fully carried out the remark I once heard a professional manager make with regard to his singing, viz., that he had heard many voices in oratorio in the states and Canada, but never heard any one sing oratorio recitative in the peculiarly reverent and appreciative manner that the reverend gentleman does—added to his splendid handling of a particularly highly-trained voice. It was a treat to notice his careful management of the breath. Mr. Mayes acquitted himself as few amateurs could, though he was suffering from illness, which made him nervous.

I have seldom felt quite such enjoyment of anything musical as I did of the singing of the last hymn. "Now thank we all our God"—the first and third verses in unison, and the second in harmony. The volume of tone in the unison verses was very fine and true, and gave Mr. Morley a chance for some of his wonderful improvised accompaniments.

Of the organ playing, *cetera va sans dire*, that it was great. An organist who was present told me that Mr. Morley played throughout the whole evening without a fault.

The society are to be congratulated on having been the recipient of such a letter as Rev. J. deSoyres sent them—himself a musical man and writing about what he thoroughly understands. The part about "adding the enclosed," etc., might have been followed by some of the rich men of the city, and was a worthy example.

The sympathy of the large congregation, at the Mission church, last Sunday evening, must have been great when Rev. J. M. Davenport was obliged to announce, that owing to the organ being thoroughly out of tune, the musical portion of the service would have to be curtailed. It was a great tax on the organist and choir, but they put the best face on a bad job and pulled through the service nobly—but no solos were able to be sung or voluntaries played.

The Bank Officers' association of Boston will early in February give an elaborate minstrel entertainment in Music hall. For the past two years this association has given a minstrel entertainment in some small hall, and so successful have these been that the entertainment this year will be given on a more extensive scale. Every person who will take part in the performance, including all members of the "troupe" and the orchestra, are members of the association.

Benedick in the Boston Times, says: One of the ladies, by the way, made a clever little remark in my hearing the other day concerning Rubinstein's Ocean symphony. She said she thought "it ought rather to be called the Land symphony, because it is so dry."

D. McArthur, Bookseller, 80 King Street, continues the marked down sale of Books, Plush Goods, Bibles, Albums, New Year Cards, etc.

Very Fine Indeed. Progress, an energetic and enterprising St. John paper, issued a special illustrated Christmas edition, which was very fine, indeed. A great many of the leading business houses of that city took advantage of it to advertise their houses, and a number of excellent engravings of commercial establishments adorn the pages of this number, which is highly creditable to the publishers, and especially valuable to the business men of St. John.—Summerside Journal.

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The Sinclair Family. In reference to the sketch of the Sinclair family which appeared in Progress recently, Mrs. Isabella Robertson of Summerville, Mass., the only surviving daughter of John Sinclair, writes that her father was the first of the family to come to this country. He established himself in business at York point. Later on, Peter arrived from Scotland and the two brothers were partners in the blacksmithing business for some years.

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TAILOR-MADE GOWNS.

Checks to Be Worn All Through the Winter—Cloth Cloaks.

The dresses which are now in hand are in varied styles. The Directorate coat had been carried out for a walking dress in terracotta tweed, richly braided with tubular braid, which appeared in a closely worked design on the front breadth and at the vest, with revers, cuffs, collars and pockets of real Astrakhan. This dress was made with treble box-plaits at the back. Checks promise to be worn all through the winter, and a good example was a fancy ground and red check, made with green velvet lapels, collar and cuffs, the bodice fastening with velvet buttons on one side of the front, and turning back with one small lapel. The skirt was arranged simply, and in such a way that the front fell in easy folds at the back; an extra piece of the material was draped in sort of butterfly bow, giving some necessary fullness at the back of the waist. A novel introduction is a tiny interwoven stripe in a habit cloth, and this, of a dark green shade, had been made into a handsome gown, trimmed with green and gold braid laid on bands of tan cloth; plain tan cloth revers, with triple buttons and loops, were placed on the bodice; cuffs to match. A dark-brown diagonal cloth, for example, had a braided yoke, carried out in tinsel, brought down to the sleeve and ending in a point above the elbow. The front of the skirt was slightly draped, and also the back, the bodice being cut exactly as a habit. Green, however, appears to remain the favorite color, and a plain green-faced cloth had a rolled revers of fancy brown and gold galon, contrasting admirably with the tone of the material. Another cloth dress had a similar braiding, which crossed the bodice and disappeared in one end of the waist, the neck being filled in with a plastron. A duck-green striped faced cloth was made with a bow-plaited skirt, braided on the collars, cuffs and imitation flap pockets with braiding laid on tan cloth.

Cloth coats and jackets would appear to be worn in preference to any others. A handsome specimen was a long fawn cloth cloak of the double form, the fronts braided, as also the long-pointed sleeve pieces, which were slightly gathered at the shoulder and round the points at the back of the waist. A gray and black short jacket had a double front edged with Astrakhan; a brown jacket was handsomely trimmed with steel and black, and a tan-colored one had a beaver collar and cuffs, and one tapering revers on the front. All these jackets were made much on the same model, with a close-fitting waistcoat. Another shape has a braided waistcoat with a loose revers of gray Astrakhan.—London Queen.

Don't Stuff a Cold.

If you do you will, nine times out of ten, have a fever to start with. A cold is a shock received by the myriad nerves that bristle near the surface of the human body. This shock is transmitted to the nerve centres, forcing a great amount of blood to those membranes, creating a more or less severe irritation and consequent rise in the temperature, followed by chills. Excess of food in the stomach still more increases the temperature, and, worst of all helps cod the secretions or natural outlets of the body. It is high time we broke away from an old notion which, like some others, has done more harm than good. For example, in years past how many poor fever sufferers, burning with an internal fire and thirst, were hurried to an untimely grave because not allowed cooling drinks or a bit of ice by the old time treatment of fevers, as foolish as the adage for colds. At last one cunning delirious patient got to a pump of cold water and drank his fill; determined not to leave until the well ran dry, he slacked the fever, recovered, and doctors learned a lesson. Experimenting with a severe cold is a dangerous custom, as most persons try one remedy only until some friend suggests another "sure cure," as Mark Twain so humorously describes. When slight hoarseness or tightness of the nasal membranes warns one of a skin exposure or chill from wet, act promptly; a delay is dangerous. With children it may mean croup and strangulation; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, perhaps pneumonia. It neglected, nothing can prevent the sneezing, red nose, and woe-begone look of a person with a cold. Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without matches in the house, as without that old-fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, near at hand for croupy children. Used with a mild laxative, as described in a pamphlet which I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., will send free to anyone, Johnson's Liniment will cure a cold for adults quicker than any known remedy. A mild, nutritious diet, a gentle physic to open the secretions, and a bottle of that old Anodyne from your druggist, will conquer any cold. Johnson's Anodyne Liniment was originated by an old family physician more than 70 years ago.—Advt.

Deception Everywhere. The little girl, caught by the glitter of the shining bracelets on the visitor's fair arm, under the usual puffy glove, insisted on borrowing them. The wish was granted and she ran out of the room to show her new attractions to her grandma. Presently she came running back. "Well," said her mother, "did you show the bracelets to your grandmamma?" "Yes, ma." "And what did she say?" "She said they were plated."—Macon News.

A DIFFERENCE. In the sleigh there was only just room for us two, "There was nobody else to forbid it." The music of sleigh bells beat time to my heart—And some way or other I did it.

There was love in the air that we breathed; the white snow Was tinged with the sun's golden glory. Well—I spoke—and she gave me the mitten point blank! That's the long and the short of the story.

The wild rush of happiness you do not know, You can't know unless you have tried it. What's that? Why, she gave me the mitten—that's true— But her dear little hand was inside it! —Vassar Miscellany.

"There are fish in the sea," said the maiden fair, "As good as ever was caught, so there." And she jilted her beau and away went he. And she found, although there were fish in the sea As good as ever were brought to land, They wouldn't come out at her command, And the beautiful maid grew pale and sad, And wished she had kept the one she had. —20th Blade.

When John L. was sick, Kilrain a champion would be; When John L. was well, The devil a champion was he. —San Francisco Examiner

HAROLD GILBERT. - - Announcements for the Holidays.

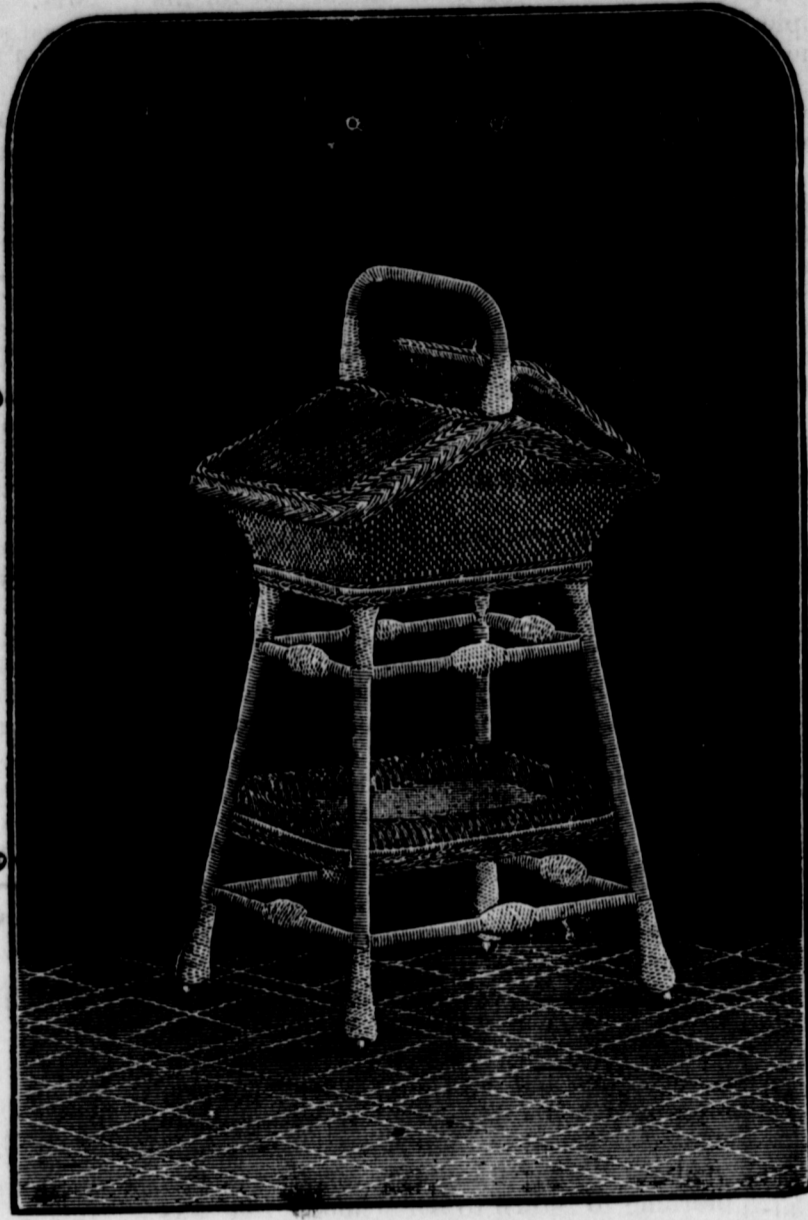
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