THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Last December the Detroit Free Press offered three cash prizes of \$1,600, \$900 and \$500 each for the best serial story of not less than 60,000 words. The time for the reception of manuscript ended July 1, but the judges did not get through their work until last week. There seem to have been cartloads of stories, from all parts of the world, and owing to the value of the prizes, from writers of more than ordinary ability. No less than 75 were from England alone, while Canada, Mexico, South America, Australia and Zealand added to the mighty pile. The successful competitors all belong to the United States, and one of them, of course, hails from Boston. What is to become of the unaccepted stories, many of which are said to be of high merit, is not stated. The publishers and weekly paper offices all over the union are likely to be inundated by a flood of genius, only a little lower than that which secured the prizes. There seems to be no dearth of authors in this enlightened age of

The Magazines.

The Forum for October is a fine number, the opening paper on "Possible War in Europe," by Emile de Laveleye, being of timely interest. Then there are plainspoken words by Ex-Postmaster General James on needed reforms in the U.S. postal service; an article on "Protection and the Farmer," from a protectionist standpoint, by Senator S. M. Cullom; and an interesting account of what is known as the Australian Ballot, which is the system adopted in Canada, by Edward Wakefield. Prof. Taussig, of Harvard, explains the workings of compulsory insurance of employees in Germany. Bishop Huntington, of the diocese of Central New York, under the title of "A Drawing-Room Homily," makes a keen analysis of the frivolities of fashionable life. Prof. William T. Harris, the new United States commissioner of education, reviews the system of state socialism explained in Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward." The Rev. John Snyder, of St. Louis, writes an essay on "Prejudice against the Negro." Other articles in this number are "The Love of Notoriety," by Frances Power Cobbe; "Making a Name in Literature," by Edmund Gosse; and "Democracy in the Household," by Eliza Lynn Linton. -[The Forum Publishing company, 253 Fifth ave., N. Y. 50 cts. a number; \$5 a year.]

The article on "Base Ball" in the October Century, will probably not have much attraction for the majority of St. John men, who are away ahead of anything it can tell them about the game. For those who know nothing about the matter and have no time to waste in attending matches, it contains a great deal of useful information. There is also a valuable group of articles on "Manual Training in Modern Education," and a paper on "Reminiscences of the Herschels," by the late Maria Mitchell. Besides the serial papers, there is a study of Moliere and Shakspeare, by M. Coquelin, and a great variety of other interesting and valuable reading.

Wide Awrke for October is full of good things for the young people, and much that will interest their elders. This magazine takes the lead among its class, and is worth much more than the price asked for it, \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop company, publishers, Boston.

Notes and Announcements.

One of the leading society ladies of Halifax is going to bring out a novel dealing with the life of that city.

Col. H. G. Prout, an American who succeeded Gordon as governor of Emin. Bey's province will describe the province fully in November's Scribner's Magazine.

D. C. Heath & Co. publish an introduction to 19th century French literature, a series of lectures, by Alcee Fortier, profesror of French in Tulane University of Louisiana

Maurice Dudevant Sand, son of Mme. George Sand, the novelist, died in Paris on Tuesday the 17th ult., aged 66 years. He had made a reputation as a painter and

man-of-letters. Wilkie Collins, the novelist, died at London on the 23rd inst. He was born in London in January 1824 and was the oldest son of William Collins R. A., the well known rustic painter. In his youth he was put in the tea trade, but left that to study law. His first literary work was a biography of his tather, published in 1848. From that time he devoted himself entirely to literature, and managed to hit the masses in a tender spot very frequently. He published "Antonina," 1850; "Rambles Beyond Railways," 1851; "Basil," 1852; "Mr. Wray's Cash Box," 1852; "Hide and Seek," 1854. Then, in Household Words, "After Dark," 1856, and "The Dead Secret," 1857. After that came "The Queen of Hearts," 1859; "The Woman in White," 1860; "No Name," 1862, which appeared in All the Year Round; "My Miscellanies," 1863; "Armadale," 1866; "The Moonstone," 1868; "Man and Wife," 1870; "Poor Miss Finch," 1872; "Miss or Mrs., and Other Stories in Outline," 1873; "The New Mag-

Robe," 1881; "Heart and Science," 1883; "I Say No," 1884; "The Evil Genius." 1886, and several novels recently or now current in the periodicals. This record of his stories is Wilkie Collin's lite to Americans. As a dramatist he was not successful. The novelist visited this country at the end of 1873 and gave public readings.

BRIGHT-EYED BANDITS.

How They Waylay the Unsuspecting Visitor to the Pernicious Bazaar.

Sancho Panza wished to discover the man who first invented sleep, so as to confer his everlasting benediction upon him. Now I should like very much to find out who first invented bazaars, and why his name has not been handed down to posterity. He was like a traveller who drops a spark from his pipe among the dried grass on a prairie, for he kindled a small fire which speedily spread till it was beyond control, and the waters of the ocean would scarcely extinguish it.

Nobody really enjoys anything connected with a bazaar. The people who get it up do so with weariness of spirit and sinking of heart. Those whose prophetic souls tell them they will be expected to go and spend their unwilling shekels for things they don't want, perform the duty in a spirit of angry protest. Why-I ask for information in a spirit of true humility-should the Louisiana State Lottery be prohibited in a country where the bazaar is allowed to grow and flourish in all its rank luxuriance. We are not slaves-at least we don't think we are - and yet the moment a man steps across the threshold of a building in which a bazaar is being held, all that is manly, all that is independent about him seems to slip from his grasp and he becomes a child, a to the shearing. Only his vanity remains, and that alas! is the cause of his undoing, for even the experience of years has been powerless to convince him that it is his purse instead of his personal attractions that causes him to be such an object of solicitude to the crowds of fair maids who rove about the building in companies of four or five, like new and charming varthe unwary and helpless among those whom Robert J. Burdette so feelingly terms "the

Did you ever notice the difference in bearing between a man who goes to a bazaar alone and unprotected, and the one who is under the wing of his wife, sweet- joyed by the large congregation present. heart or sister? Well I have. One is proud, independent and brave. Woman, his natural protector, is at his side, and he tears no enemies human or otherwise. And, oh! how the bands of fair marauders steer clear of him! If one bolder than the rest, ventures to approach him with her ticket book and pencil, with what calm decision does the lady transfix her. "Thank you," she says with freezing politeness, "we have bought all the tickets we want, and we don't care to vote for the most popular conductor." And the ticket seller goes out and weeps bitterly. But let his guardian angel desert him for a moment and with what swiftness will that man be surrounded; how the dollars will be charmed out of his pockets; how cheerfully he will pay twenty-five cents for a sprig of faded parsely and one sweet pea, just because a bright-eyed bandit of the fairer sex pins it in his button hole. In fact, what is there that a man will not buy at a bazaar, if he be left to his own devices and the wiles of the saleswomen.

I remember going to a bazaar myself once. when I was young and unfledged, andworst of all-had plenty of money. I can't remember all that I bought, but I have never forgotten, I have never been permitted to forget, that amongst other things I brought home the carcass of a goose, entirely denuded of flesh, a half-consumed bottle of mixed pickles, four pairs of infants' socks (woolen,) a complete suit of clothes for a five-year-old boy, and a patchwork crib quilt. I would like to forget the scene that ensued on my arrival at the paternal mansion, when I displayed my purchases. Somehow, that one experience cured me of making indiscriminate purchases at a bazaar, and I don't think I have bought anything at one since.

Why can't we remedy the bazar evil? Why should not a few bold spirits, male and female, band themselves together into "a society for the suppression of bazaars," volunteer to go round from house to house and bully their fellow creatures out of their hard earned cash in an honest and open manner, stating the object for which it was required, and simply declining to leave the house till our demands were satisfied? It would be more satisfactory for all parties, and less trouble; and-at the very worstthe difference to the victim would be about the same that exists between the lingering agony of having a tooth filled and the forcible wrench of having the same tooth extracted, merely a choice of evils. Think over it, men and brothers! Especially you who have no fair relatives to depend upon, and when you have come to the decision, communicate with

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Queen Victoria has a remarkably fine head of hair for a lady of her age; but her dalen," 1873; "The Law and the Lady," son, the Prince of Wales, is quite bald. 1875; "Two Destinies," 1876; "The Had he used Ayer's Hair Vigor earlier in Haunted Hotel," 1878; "The Fallen life, his head might, to-day, have been as Leaves," 1879; "A Rogue's Life from His | well covered as that of his royal mother. Birth to His Marriage," 1879; "The Black It's not too late yet.—Advt.

DIGBY, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Gille-

Oct. 3 .- The Monticello on Wednesday brought back Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green from their extended and delightful bridal tour. A large number of friends were gathered on the wharf to give them a cordial welcome home. The same day took from us Mr. Munroe, who had filled Mr. Green's place during his absence and, in that short time, had made himself very popular.

Mr. E. Thompson also left for Philadelphia on

Wednesday, going via Yarmouth. On Thursday a taliy-ho drive was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Green. The party drove to St. Mary's Bay, and took tea on the shore there. I hear on all sides it was a charming expedition.

Mrs. Andrew Ruddock has gone to St. John to visit friends and be present at the wedding of Miss Mollie Thomas, which took place on Wednesday. That young lady has hosts of friends in Digby, who

wish her all joy in her new estate. On Friday evening a party of about 20 surprised Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Churchill, and spent a very merry evening with them. The matrons who accompanied the young people were Mrs. Biden, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Green. Mrs. Churchill makes a charming hostess, and did all in her power for her guests's comfort and pleasure.

their way to their home, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Wiswall Smith left, on Saturday morning, for England, via Halifax. Her departure is greatly mourned, as she is one of the people we would like to have always with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Digby Bonnell, three children and

two servants, left on Friday, by the Forest City, on

TRURO, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Ful-

Oct. 1 .- The mistress of "Scrivelsby Manor," Mrs. O. C. Cummings, is again at home, after spending the summer flitting between Halifax, Bedford and other points of interest.

Messrs. O. C. Cummings, C. M. Blanchard and veritable lamb, led not to the slaughter but W. Heffernon, leading spirits in the T. A. A. C. here, attended the sports in St. John last week, and express themselves as highly pleased with their

> Mrs. Turner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Cowlin, on Queen street.

> The Misses Mmnie and Lillie McCurdy, of Onslow, gave a party last Friday evening, for their friend, Mrs. W. E. Stavert. Dancing and other amusements were enjoyed until the small hours, but the game of "Up Jenkins," which crowned the revels, left nothing to be desired.

Mrs. Stavert, who left for Moneton Saturday ieties of highway robbers lying in wait for morning, has made many friends while here, who will remember with pleasure the bright, charming presence which was hers.

Mr. Lewis Hebb, of the Methodist book room, Halifax, spent last Sunday in town. Mr. Hebb, who possesses a voice of great sweetness and some compass, sang in the choir of the west end church on Sunday evening. His rendering of the solo, "Not my will but Thy will," was very much en-The supreme court opens here today, Judge

Townshend presiding. Mrs. John Blanchard, of Kentville, is visiting her

son, Mr. C. M. Blanchard, and Mrs. Blanchard at

Mr. Fenwick Cutten's familiar face is once more to be seen on the streets. Mr. C. is now convalescent after a severe attack of illness. Mr. Lane, formerly of the Merchants' bank staff

here, now of Maitland, spent Sunday in town among

CALAIS, MAINE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Calais by Gillis Bros.] Oct. 2 .- A dancing party will be given in Army hall, Friday evening, by a number of our leading

Mr. Russel Jack, of St. John, who has been visiting friends in St. Stephen, has returned home Mr. Ernest Lee left by train, Monday, for a short

One of our charming young ladies, whose absence will be very conspicuous, the next few months, is Miss Josephine Moore, who left on Monday to attend Miss Hersey's school, Boston.

Miss Marion Jack, who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Margaret Todd, returned to St. John Miss Janet Harvey left on Monday for a visit to

Col. W. F. Boardman has been making a short business trip to Eastport. Mrs. A. E. Neill, who has been the guest of Mrs.

Charles King, St. John, has returned home. Mrs. A. E. Barnard's friends will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness. Mrs. Dr. Seymour has returned from a delightful

visit to Musquash and St. John Mr. Geo. Barker has returned from Boston. Mrs. Dene, of Jacksonville, Fla., who has spent last few weeks in Calais, has gone to New York. Mrs. Albert Todd, who has been visiting in Eastport, the guest of Mrs. Frank Paine, returned

Hon. E. B. Harvey has been making a short trip to Eastport. Mrs. B. F. Kelley returned from St. Andrews on

Saturday last. Mrs. Geo. Lord made a short visit to Eastport on

Mrs. R. Jack and daughter, of Fredericton, who have been the guests of Mrs. Henry Todd, left for St. Andrews on Friday last.

Mrs. W. A. Lambe is making a short visit to

Mrs. J. H. Nickerson has returned from Poland Mr. Burton McAllister is contemplating a short trip for his health.

Miss Helen Foster has returned to "The Ledge." Miss Carrie Washburn will make a short visit in Belfast, Me., the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Capt. Stevens and wife, who have been the guests

Miss Flora Brown has been visiting Mrs. Frank Paine, Eastport, Me. Miss Emma Young will leave Calais in a few

of Mrs. Laura McAllister, have returned to Boston.

days for St. Paul, Minn. Miss Young will visit Mrs. Mr. L. C. Bailey left this morning for a business

Mrs. M. Downes has returned from a short visit Mrs. Blair, of St. Stephen, has been spending a

week with her friend, Mrs. A. E. Neill. Mrs. Seymour, of Chicago, Ill., is expected this week to visit her niece, Mrs. Charles D. Hill. Mrs. Charles Boardman and daughter left on

Monday for Passaic, N. Y., much to the regret of all. Miss Ida was a great favorite, and it is to be hoped that she will visit us again soon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank hastings, of Honolula, S. I., have finished their visit in Calais.

Mr. Henry Ross left on Saturday for Boston. Mr. Harper, of Montreal, spent a few days at the American house, last week. Mr. F. Bache, of Philadelphia, is registered at the

Border City. Mr. Gilbert, one of St. John's young lawyers, has been passing a few days with friends in St. Stephen. Advertise in "Progress." It pays.

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