THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Mrs. Bob.

That clever woman and charming writer, "John Strange Winter," has given to her admirers another proof of her ability to tell a story in whatever way she pleases, and so invest it with the charm of her own originality that we must like it whether we will or not. There is something about her stories which impresses us while we are reading them with the conviction that they are before all things perfectly natural, that the very same course of events might have happened to us, only somehow they failed in their aim and didn't.

But as soon as you have finished the book, and begun the process of digestion, a doubt creeps into your mind and you ask yourself under your breath if it really could have happened after all? Her latest effort is no exception to this rule. It bears the "tetching" title of Mrs. Bob, (National Publishing Co.) and is a very attractive little story, full of absorbing interest from the first page to the last.

The plot is not only decidedly unique, bnt so cleverly worked out that you cannot help overlooking its utter impossibility. It deals of course largely with military society and the scene is laid in a garrison town. We are introduced first to a most winning little matron, Mrs. Strafford, who has just married her two youngest and loveliest daughters to dashing young officers of the outgoing regiment, both scions of noble houses, and richly endowed with this world's goods. Her remaining treasure, Julia, is the heroine proper of the book, and the author has the courage to introduce her to the reader in these startling terms:

"Julia was no longer in her first youth, and she was not pretty, neither was she an interesting or particularly accomplished young lady. She sang a little, it is true, but somehow her singinging did not seem to "catch on" with Blackhampton peopleshe had a high pitched somewhat cracked uoice and a laugh that did not ring true."

Did anyone ever meet with such a heroine before? and could anyone ever take an interest in her? You think not at first impressions notwithstanding, before you have finished the book you will love Julia almost as dearly as poor Stephen did, and acknowledge her one of the noblest, bravest, truest woman in the world.

Mrs. Bob, who plays the title role, is a delightful little person who must have been naughty, and yet we never once succeed in catching her in the very slightest deviation from rectitude of the strictest type. The singular raison d' etre of the book is to introduce the bewildered reader to a set of utterly charming, perfectly refined people, who are banded together for the purpose of committing jewel robberies on the extraordinary principle that robbing very wealthy people was no harm, and the "acquisition of property" as they called it perfectly justifiable. Their arguments are so conclusive that you are almost converted yourself; and you must like Stephen Howard in spite of all things, he is such a fine fellow, so manly, so true and so devoted to his wife; and "apart from his professionsave the mark-he lived the life strictly of a man of the most rigid honor, and would no more have helped himself to a shilling out of his neighbor's purse than he would have struck his wife across the face." Read the odd fascinating little book and it will pass away a few leisure hours very pleasantly. GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

Magazines. The principal feature of the Transatlantic for March 1 is political in its character. In an article on "How Europe may Escape War," Colonel Baron Stoffel, who is an authority in matters military, seriously advances the startling idea of an offensive and defensive alliance between France and Germany as the only method of averting the impending European conflict, and maintains that such an alliance is possible only on condition of the voluntary restoration of Alsace and Lorraine to France by Germany. "The Last Lesson: Story of a Little Alsatian," is a touching novelette, by Alphonse Daudet, based upon the prohibition of the study of French in Alsatian schools. An entire page is given to a collection of nearly forty fac-similes of royal autographs. Henrik Ibsen gives some recollections of his childhood that are not only entertaining, but instructive as explaining his future. Among other literary attractions are some delightful translations of the new odes of Carducci, the Italian poet, and an account of Russia's national opera, "Life for the Czar," by the famous composer, Michel Glinka. A selection from this opera fills two pages of the Transatlantic. On the cover appears perhaps the best picture of Robert Browning thus far published. Price, \$2. 328 Wash-

frontispiece of the March Book Buyer, cheered with the vigor of a dozen men. which is accompanied by a sketch that gives a graphic picture of his personality and literary career. Another interesting feature of this number is the tabulated and classified summary of the books published in this country and in England in 1889. The most striking fact which is brought out by these figures is that more than 1500 new novels were published last year in the two countries. The numerous illustrations and readings from the newest books, with the descriptive reviews, are more than ordinarily interesting. Nearly two pages of

ington street, Boston.

books and authors. The April number will contain a portrait and sketch of Mark Twain, and, in addition to the usual features, the list of correct answers to the prize questions given in the January and February numbers, together with the names of the winners of the prizes of \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25. Competitors have until March 20th in which to send in their answers to the questions. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 10 cents a copy; \$1.00 a year.

OFF THEIR BASE.

Messrs. Davies and McMullen would Learn Something by Living in Moncton.

The Upper Canadian papers, notably the Montreal Herald, are following the lead of Mr. McMullen, of Ontario, and Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, and 'pitching into" Mr. Pottinger tooth and nail, hammer and tongs. About mismanagement on the I. C. R.? Oh, dear, no! not at all; nothing near so important as that! Merely the granting of free passes over that much abused road. Mr. Davies, who seems to have been in a chronic state of "wanting to know," first pounced upon Mr. Schrieber, general manager of the I. C. R., and "wanted to know" who were entitled to and who received passes over that road; and upon receiving a satisfactory reply, he immediately wanted to know if Mr. Pottinger was in the habit of granting passes to other than the three classes enumerated. Mr. Davies seems to be provided, like "Totty" in "Adam Bede," "with several relays of requests."

Fiat justicia, my dear Mr. Davies! In the first place, what earthly concern is it of yours whether or not Mr. Pottinger grants passes to the whole country? You look after the Prince Edward Island railway, and we will try to take care of the I. C. R. When we want the benefit of your experience and advice we will ask you for it, and in the meantime we shall get along as well as we can, just as we did before you were in parliament.

As for Mr. McMullen, we never heard of him before, which of course proves that he cannot be of very much importance, and serves to dismiss him finally from our thoughts. But in the interests of justice, this much I must say: I live in Moncton, and know whereof I write, and I can cheerfully take any number of affldavits to the effect that it is about as easy for the traditional camel of Scripture to get through the famous gate, known as the "Needle's Eye," as it is to get a pass over the

Perhaps the Ontarians, acting on the well-known principle that distance lends enchantment to the view, are inclined to look upon the I. C. R. as a sort of ironrailed happy hunting ground, on which the maritime provincialists can disport themselves at will without money and without

If such is the case, oh, members from Prince Edward Island and somewhere in Ontario! and if you are anxious to have your illusions dispelled and your vision cleared, come down to the I. C. R. headquarters, even to Moncton, and try to get a few passes, yea, even one pass for self or friend, and if you are not complaining next session of the extreme difficulty of obtaining free passes over the Intercolonial railway, and the heartless manner in which such little favors are refused—then my

GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

AN EAR FOR MUSIC.

The Story of a Cadct Who Probably Never Had a Girl of His Own.

The hero of the following little story was a cadet of a celebrated military college, and he was afflicted not with color blindness, but with musical deafness-if one may use the expression—to such a distressing extent that he could not tell one tune from another. "God save the Queen," "Yankee Doodle" and the "Star Spangled Banner" all sounded alike to him. He had a dim idea that they were all martial, and

therefore patriotic airs. Now, shortly after this true prodigy, from a musical point of view, joined the gallant army of Her Majesty's loyal cadets, Battery C was ordered out to the scene of the Northwest rebellion, and the gallant lads marched out of the town of Kamid great excitement and wildest enthusiasm, to the lively strains of that familiar air that so often sounds like a knell on the departing soldier's ear, "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Our hero was on the spot, of course, and he was deeply interested in the stirring scene, and wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement. As the band struck up the above mentioned air, and the regiment A portrait of Bret Harte serves as the marched past, he snatched off his cap and Suddenly catching sight of a comrade beside him, whose cap was reposing comfortably over his left ear, as usual, he shouted to him furiously, "Take off your cap, you fool! Don't you hear them playing 'God save the Queen?" "

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SUSSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and H. White & Co.] MARCH 5 .- Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulter White, of Iampton, made a short visit to Sussex last week.

Mrs. E. Hallett will spend a few weeks in Hamp

Mr. Reginald Arnold left yesterday for Calgary, N. W. T. Mr. Arnold has been spending a few months here with his parents, at "The Knoll." Rev. C. P. Hanington, of Johnston, Queens Co.,

Rev. Mr. Quicke, of Moncton, and Rev. Mr. Cuthbert, of Chatham, have been spending a few days in Sussex, the guest of the Rev. Mr. Hubley.

days in Sussex, the guest of the Rev. Mr. Hubley.
Mr. Cuthbert leaves at once for his old home in
England, to spend a few months.
Rev. Mr. Howe, of Windsor, N. S., is in this
village, soliciting aid for King's college, Windsor.
Our Lenten services are held in the Masonic hall

every Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. Littie will deliver a temperance lecture in Odd Fellows' hall, on Friday evening.
Rev. Mr. Eatough, of Petiteodiac, was in Sussex

Miss Murray has been very ill with influenza, but is fast improving.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeW. Cowie came from St. John on Monday morning, and returned in the afternoon with the remains of Mr. Andrew Cowie.

HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

MARCH 5.—Mr. H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., delivered a lecture on temperance in Barnes' hall, near the station, on Thursday evening. Dr. Wetmore occupied the chair.

Mrs. Walter Scovil, of Shediac, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Evanson.

Mrs. George M. Wilson made a visit to the city

Miss Belle Stewart, of the Public hospital, St. John, who has been visiting her parents at Lake-side, returned on Tuesday. Upon invitation a num-ber of her young friends gathered at her home on Monday evening, and spent a few hours very pleas.

antly.
Mr. D. C. Robertson, Mr. F. H. Foster and Mr. Stan Keirstead, of St. John, and Mr. D. M. Fairweather, of Sussex, were among the visitors in town

The Kingston Deanery Sunday School Teachers union, No. 2, is in session here today, the meeting being held in the Chapel of the Messiah.

Miss Louise Otty, who is spending the winter with Mrs. George Otty in the city, came up to Hampton Dr. Taylor, M. P. P., went to St. John on Tues-

day.

Mr. H. B. Hetherington, grand lecturer S. of T. of N. B., occupied the platform at the Agricultural hall in the village, on Monday evening, and de livered a very interesting address to a good house. Mrs. Frederic Flewelling, of St. John, is making a short visit to her brother-in-law, Mr. H. J. Fowler. Rev. Mr. Lloyd, the new rector at Rothesay, was in Hampton today for the first time since his arrival

in the province.
Miss Fannie Barnes went to St. Martins last week and took part in the musical and literary entertainnent given on behalf of the Union Baptist seminary. Mr. James Trueman, who has been very ill for several weeks at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. McLeod, in the city, is able to be out again, and intends to return shortly to his home at Asholm

Rev. O. S. Newnham, of Stephen, former rector f this place, paid us a brief visit last week. Miss Maggie K. Barnes paid a visit to the city.

Mr. Robert Late entertained a fair audience in Smith's hall, last evening, with views and illustra-tions of scenes in the Holy Land. Mrs. Almon, Miss Gilbert and Miss Coffee, of Mr. H. A. McKeown will deliver the fourth lec ture in the sidewalk fund course, in Smith's hall, near the station, on Tuesday evening next.

Rev. W. McDonald is attending the meeting of presbytery in St. John.

YARMOUTH.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. I. Vickery and Harris & Horsfall.] MARCH 4 .- Last week we had the first sleighing that amounted to anything this season. It seemed to be enjoyed by both young and old. Several parties went over to Tusket—had supper at Gilmans' finished up with dancing, and enjoyed the mosnlight

The Yarmouth band went to Eel Brook Monday, were entertained by Father Hamilton, came back to Tusket and spent the evening at the Village Hotel. The Quadrille club were to have gone the following day but the rain came and spoiled their fun. Mrs. E. F. Parker has been spending a few months in Boston, and returned home last week.

Another one of our young men gone—Mr. James L. Crosby leaves for New York on Saturday to join the happy Band of Benedicts. The boys gave him a grand send off last evening. "Lemonade with a stick in it." Mrs. Thomas Killam left for Norfolk, Va. on Mon-lay to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Killam.

day to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Killam.
Miss Rose Bown had a "speculation party" Tuesday evening, which was a jolly affair.
The Portia left here Sunday, a. m. Miss Florence
Tooker has gone the round trip for her health.
Miss Florence Baker and Miss Bell Bingay were to have accompanied her but were disappointed about their staterooms, and are going on from Halifax, per

Alpha.

Mrs. Percy Hamilton gave another of her charming little whist parties Monday evening.

Miss Annie Law and Mr. W. B. Hamilton arrived in town Saturday evening from Hectanooga, where they have been spending a few days.

Mr. E. K. Spinney, who has been in England the last three months on business, returned home today.

Mr. D. F. Currie, American consul, is back again

after his long vacation.

Mrs. W. C. McKinnon has been ill for some time, Mrs. W. C. McKinnon has been ill for some time, and is not improving. It is believed she will have to go away for medical advice.

Mr. T. S. Brown gave a gentlemen's whist party Thursday evening. Among those present were: Messrs. Wm. Fraser Coker, T. Killam, E. F. Parkor, J. R. Kinney, R. S. Capins, D. F. Currie, T. R. Lebes

Mrs. Owen, of Annapolis (nee Bell Farish, of Yarmouth), presented her husband with a blooming boy, on Sunday. Daniel Owen.

The members of the W. C. T. U. gave a concert in Music hall, last Thursday. It was a grand success. The hall was filled to overflowing. The unibn reopen the coffee room next Saturday.

Mrs. T. B. Flint has gone to Halifax for a few weexs. She is greatly missed in Trinity church

Mr. James Moody is very ill, also his daughter, Jean. She had another attack of hemorrhage today. She has been seriously ill for months, but it was hoped she was improving until today. CHMMS.

Mr. John N. Killam has gone in the Portia for a ruise to the West Indies.

Mr. Will T. Moody left for New York on Satur Mrs. J. D. Dennis gave a large and enjoyable party on Tuesday night.

SNooks.

RICHIBUCTO.

March 5.—Judge Botsford, who has been in own, returned to Moncton last week. Mr. E. E. Phair returned a few days ago from his Dr. T. J. Bourque went to Memramcook, last week, to enjoy a much needed rest. Mr. Andrew Gorman, of Amherst, was in town on

Rev. J. S. Gregg, of Buctouche, occupied the pul-pit of the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Mrs. W. H. Keith, of Welford, is in town visiting her parents.
Mr. Geo. McLeod, of St. John, spent Sunday in

The pulpit of St. Mary's church was vacant on Sunday, Mr. Summerville having been called to Petitcodiac by illness in his family.

Mr. William Powell, of Moncton, was in town on Tuesday.

Warden Forster was in town this week attending the funeral of his father, Mr. James Forster, who died at his home last Friday evening, aged 67 years.

Mr. Forster was a resident of fhis town for over 60

TRURO, N. S.

MARCH 5.—Mr. J. G. McMullen and his daughter, Miss Fannie R. McMullen, have returned from Eng-

land.

The trouble in the Baptist church here has resulted in the withdrawal of several of the most prominent members, who propose a new church for the west end of the town, and will hold service next Sunday in the Y. M. C. A. hall.

Miss Maie Dimock has returned from Halifax, where she has been visiting friends.

The dramatis personæ is already cast for another

where she has been visiting friends.

The dramatis personæ is already cast for another dramatic entertainment under the auspices of the T. A. A. C. to be presented about Easter.

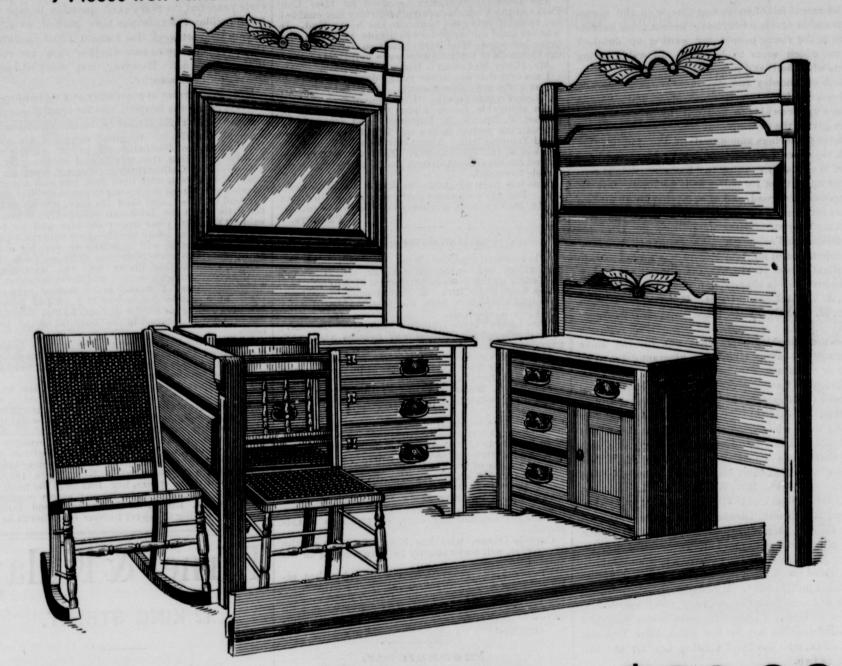
Much regret is is felt for the great trouble of Conducter E. A. McDowell's family, because of the very serious accident he sustained. Mrs. McDowell is in Halifax with her husband.

A Congregational body is to be started here. Services were held in McKay's hall twice on Sunday last, discourses being delivered by Mr. Murray, a collegiate of Pine Hill, Halifax.

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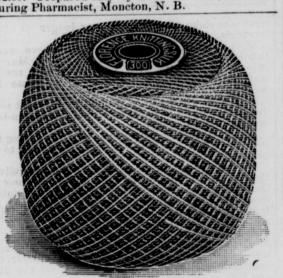
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