

Literary Notes.

A COLLECTION of books MSS., engravings, etc., valued at \$500,000, has been offered the Public Library at Sydney, New South Wales, by D. S. Mitchell. A new public library is to be built as a result of this generous gift.

....Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. announce a new series of novels, romances, etc., in paper cover, to be called *Appleton's Popular Library*. The first issue is F. T. Bullen's "Cruise of the Cachalot," which will be sold at 25 cents a copy.

....The Royal Asiatic Society of London have just published "The Chronicles of Jerahmeel," a collection of old Jewish legends and traditions concerning the history of the world from the Creation to the death of Judah the Maccabean. The translator is M. Gaster, Ph.D. The price is \$2.50.

...."The Federal Census" is the title of a collection of essays by prominent statisticians published by the American Economic Association. Various aspects of the last census are discussed and improvements for the coming census are suggested. The Macmillan Co. are the publishers.

....Horatio Alger, who died last week in Natick, Mass., was very widely known as the author of stories for boys. Graduated at Harvard in 1852, he was journalist, teacher, pastor of a Unitarian church. In 1866 he began to write his stories of New York street waifs, which have for so many years been popular with young readers.

....Colonel Roosevelt's story of the Rough Riders is characterized from an English viewpoint by *The Academy*:

"What they went through, those Rough Riders! At page 120 there is a photograph of the devoted fellows fording a river, the water quite up to their ankles. Now they are at rest in the vicinity of Muscogee, Ind. Ter. For on the last page is a letter from a lady at Muscogee, Ind. Ter.: 'I am planning to entertain all the Rough Riders in this vicinity some evening during my holiday vacation. I mean to have no other guests, but only give them an opportunity for reminiscences.'"