

## BOOK NOTICES.



THE RUNKLE FAMILY, BEING AN ACCOUNT OF THE RUNKELS IN EUROPE AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA. By Ben. van D. Fisher. Illustrated. New York, 1899. Svo, cloth, pp. 366.

The age of ordinary volumes of ordinary paper, ordinary type, and ordinary binding seems about relegated to the past. Nowadays one must clothe his Family History in an attractive covering, display it attractively on the pages, and make up these of a good weight paper. After all is said and done, however, these things are not

luxury but necessity, for such a book lasts longer, the type is better for the eyes, and the paper is more serviceable and durable, qualities necessary to the good genealogy. Far and above all this is the opportunity for the display of individual taste ; and in this volume before us, from the press of T. A. Wright, one sees an individuality which is a credit to both compiler and publisher. A custodian of some up-country records who, with much labor and great pains, had indexed the names found therein, remarked after our comment on the thoroughness of the work, "I seen my duty an' I done it good." We have the same homely and grammatical (?) expression to apply to both compiler and publisher of this excellent work. They seen their duty an' they done it good. Its dark-green cover with gilt stamping, its illuminated arms, its typography, its half-tone illustrations, have a simple dignity about them which is aristocratic. The author modestly calls himself "The individual who has written up this genealogy," and shows in its pages a tireless energy and faithful attention to details so necessary to the consummation of a good family history. The volume opens with an elaborate coat of arms of the family, printed in colors ; then the preface, followed by a fine half-tone illustration of the Castle Runkel in Germany. The name and its origin is then discussed. A chapter each is devoted to the "European Family of Runkel," the "Lords of Westerburg and Runkel," "Lords of Runkel," "Counts of Wied and Lords of Runkel," and the "American Runkels" of New Jersey, Penn-

sylvania, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The work is handsomely printed on hand-made paper and beautifully bound in cloth with Runkel crest in gold on cover, and will be sent post-paid on receipt of price, \$5. Address the publisher, T. A. Wright, 150 Bleecker Street, New York.

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