

....The juniors will find a book to their liking and to their profit in the *Library of Universal Adventure by Sea and Land*, compiled and edited by William Dean Howells and Thomas Sergeant Perry. The editors give a somewhat strict definition of adventure, which has the effect of cutting down the material for the collection to manageable proportions. They group their anecdotes geographically by the continents which form the scene of the adventures. Accordingly the whole collection falls into the five familiar divisions of America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceanica. The collection makes a volume of one thousand pages octavo, well printed on good paper and from good type, and illustrated with woodcut engravings, of which the best that we can say is that they are numerous and fair. The tales of adventure are, as far as possible, published uncriticised and in the words of the authors from whom they are taken. There are no notes, no criticism, and no comments of any kind, and no index. The editors' work in filling out the narratives seems, however, in many of the tales, to be very considerable, tho it is inextricably blended with the compiled extracts. The editorial work has gone evidently into the selection and construction of the stories on the principle that too much history and too much criticism would spoil the tale, and that notes are an impertinence in a story-book. The price is set low; and while we should assign the book primarily to the junior department, it is one with plenty of wholesome recreation in it for the seniors as well, whose memories would be freshened and their blood quickened in the perusal of its voluminous and varied mass of anecdote. We suggest that the book should have an index. (Harper & Brothers.)